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## FBI AGENTS CLOSE IN ON SUSPECTED SPIES

### Officials Decline Comment on Reports Prisoners Taken in Raids

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (AP)—The federal departments of justice and state today closed in on communists and communist organizations suspected of using forged passports and intensified an investigation of foreign spies.

The records of at least one organization already have been subpoenaed; officials declined comment on reports that raids had been carried out and prisoners taken. Communist news sources were unable to reach communist party officials by telephone for hours tonight for information.

The department of justice in Washington announced that it "expects some decisive action in a few hours" on an acknowledgment by Earl Browder, general secretary of the communist party, that he had used a falsified passport. Browder admitted this in testimony before the Dies committee.

The undercover inquiry came to the surface today with the disclosure that a subpoena was served last Friday on the records of World Tourists, Inc., whose treasurer is Alexander Trachtenberg, member of the communist party governing committee.

A special federal grand jury convened Saturday to investigate

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## FBI AGENTS CLOSE IN ON SUSPECTED SPIES

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communists' use of passports. U. S. Attorney and John T. Cahill mustered his assistants today to begin immediate work on the case. He declined comment.

The investigation is a sequel to the conviction last May 2 of three men on charges of conspiracy in obtaining 16 faked passports for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robinson, also known under the name of Adolph Arnold Rubens. The Robinsons were accused in the proceedings of being spies for a foreign government. They had been imprisoned in Moscow.

Federal agents expected to round up or expose a number of foreign spies in the present proceedings.

During the Dies committee hearings in Washington Earl Browder, general secretary of the communist party, admitted he had travelled abroad on a passport bearing a fictitious name.

Ben Gitlow, a "friendly" witness, testified that travel on forged passports was a common practice among communist party leaders.

Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Ladd  
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Mr. Egan  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Miss Gandy  
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## Gifts Pour in From All U.S. For Red Army

American folks are demonstrating their gratitude to the Red Army by pouring in gifts to World Tourists, Inc., for shipment to the Soviet Union, a spokesman for that organization revealed yesterday.

Cigarettes constitute the most numerous gifts, the travel company announced, although other gifts have included such special tokens as an aviator's watch, shockproof and water-proof. The watch was sent from a worker in Lowell, Arizona.

Accompanying one gift of 2,000 cigarettes was a letter describing the donors as "a group of workers and middle-men."

"Although our gift is insignificant in itself," the letter said, "it carries with it the weight of our moral support to your struggle. . . . We are sure this token gift of a small part of the American people expresses the wish of all the American people to see your arms vanquish the aggressor."

The World Tourist spokesman said a number of CIO and AFL shops and locals are actively participating in this drive for gifts for the heroic Red Army men.

A new shipment is scheduled to sail very soon, it was announced. Gifts should be sent or brought to the World Tourists, Inc., 1123 Broadway, New York City.

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**Many Gifts for Red Army**

Gifts for the Red Army are flooding the offices of World Tourists, 1123 Broadway, New York, officials announced yesterday.

Huge shipments of cigarettes, candy, tobacco, razors, sweaters, socks, canned goods and other necessary items are being sent on all tanks leaving for the Soviet Union.

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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

## Roosevelt Aide Called a Source of Information; Investigators Demand Grand Jury Be Summoned

Plans for B-29 Also Were Rushed  
to Russian Agents, Congress  
Told; White, Former Official  
of Treasury, Is Called a Contact

By Mary Spargo  
Post Reporter

Top United States war secrets, including advance notice of Day and plans for the B-29, were rushed to Russian agents from a Communist spy ring among trusted Government workers, Congress was told yesterday. Named as a source of information for one of these rings was Lauchlin Currie, former administrative assistant to late President Roosevelt, and Harry Dexter White, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. The ring, headed by a Government worker described as a valuable member of the NKVD, Russian secret police, had a photographic set-up in an apartment basement for the purpose of photostating of secret Government documents, the committee on Un-American Activities was told.

A sordid story of eager betrayal of this Government at the hands of those sworn to uphold it was unfolded by Miss Elizabeth T. Bentley, self-confessed former spy for the Communist Party and its guiding Russian agents.

Her unemotional recital brought a prompt demand from Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R., N. J.) for a special blue ribbon grand jury in the District of Columbia to hear evidence against the Government workers involved. He said he would ask United States District Attorney George Morris Fay to call such a jury.

### Neither a Member of Ring

Miss Bentley made it clear that neither Currie nor White was a member of the Communist Party or of either of the two spy rings with which she worked in Washington. But she said, they gave information to members of the ring, and White aided the ring in placing and keeping its members in Government jobs, she testified.

Head of one ring she named as Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, formerly with the Board of Economic Warfare, later with the Agriculture Department.

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the basement of the Silvermaster.  
The head of the other ring, Miss Bentley testified, was Victor Perlo, then a War Production Board official.  
In the Silvermaster ring, she said, were:  
HELEN SILVERMASTER, his wife.  
WILLIAM TAYLOR, Treasury Department.  
GEORGE SILVERMAN, Army Air Corps.  
FRANK COE, Treasury Department.  
WILLIAM GOLD, Treasury Department.  
SONIA GOLD, his wife, Foreign Economics Administration.  
SOLOMON ADLER, Office of International Finance of the Treasury Department.  
NORMAN BURSNER, antitrust division of the Justice Department.  
WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN, Treasury Department and Air Corps.  
JOHN ABT, formerly of the Congress of Industrial Organizations Political Action Committee, and now of the Wallaceite Progressive Party.  
SOL LESHINSKY, UNRRA.  
HAROLD GLASSER, Treasury.  
JOSEPH GREGG, Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.  
RUTH GREGG, his wife.

### **Alleged Members Under Perlo**

Accused of having been members of a spy ring headed by Perlo were:  
ALLAN R. ROSENBERG, private attorney and formerly with the Foreign Economics Administration.  
DONALD NIVEN WHEELER, Office of Strategic Services.  
EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, War Production Board.  
HARRY S. MAGDOFF, Commerce Department.  
CHARLES KRAMER, born Kravitsky, of the staff of a Senate Education and Labor Subcommittee under Senator Claude Pepper (D., Fla.)  
IRVING KAPLAN of the War Production Board worked for both spy rings, it was charged.  
Government employees not in the spy rings who furnished information, according to testimony, were:  
DUNCAN LEE, legal adviser in the Office of Strategic Services.  
MORRIS HALPERIN, research and analysis division of the Office of Strategic Services.  
BERNARD REDMONT, CIAA press division  
ROBERT T. MILLER, head of research, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.  
MICHAEL GREENBERG, assistant to Currie at the White House.

The only person charged who is still reportedly employed by the Federal Government is Adler.

(The Washington Post was informed last night that there were two men named Irving Kaplan in the War Production Board at the same time. Irving Kaplan of 5308 2nd st. nw., said he was then employed in WPB's textile division and certainly was not the Irving Kaplan to whom Miss Bentley referred. A transcript of Miss Bentley's testimony fails to give any identification of the man to whom she did refer, except his wartime employment.)

When Miss Bentley finished list-

ing the names of her contacts in the Government, Thomas announced subpoenas would be issued immediately for every person mentioned. They would, he said, be given complete opportunity to answer any questions raised. Some have already been heard in executive session.

Upon testimony of Miss Bentley, supported by FBI investigation, 12 leaders of the Communist Party have been indicted by a New York grand jury for advocating overthrow of the United States Government by force.

Information from Currie, Miss Bentley said, came to her through the spy ring headed by Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, whom she described in the position of an NKVD or secret police agent.

Currie told a member of Silvermaster's ring, she testified, that the United States was about to break one of Russia's codes.

She gave a dramatic account of how Currie "rushed all out of breath" to the home of George Silverman, one of the Silvermaster group, and told him the code was about to be broken.

Silvermaster told her, she said, and she promptly told her Russian agent boss in New York. The Russians were much excited over the information, she said.

Silverman, she said, was in the Air Forces at the time, and was himself a "prolific" source of information.

From Currie's office, she told the committee, came secret information on the United States attitude toward China.

#### **Old College Friends**

Silverman and Currie, Miss Bentley said, were old college friends. She said that both Silvermaster and Silverman were members of the Communist Party, and as such would not lie to her, their superior, even though Communists are deliberately taught to lie to other people.

It was Currie's influence that kept Silvermaster, the spy ring chief, in his job when he was about to be ousted from the Government service, she said.

"It was definitely—from my own knowledge—due to Mr. Currie's influence that Mr. Silvermaster was not ousted from his job in the BEW but was permitted to return to the Agriculture Department without any stigma on him," she testified.

Chief Investigator Robert E. Stripling then read from the Civil Service file on Silvermaster concerning Civil Service investigations of his Communist affiliations.

Currie, from his home in Scarsdale, N. Y., last night issued a prompt denial of Miss Bentley's charges. He never had any information about codes, he said, and he knew no Communists. He was an administrative assistant to President Roosevelt from 1939 to 1945. Born in Nova Scotia, Currie was naturalized in 1934.

White also denied Miss Bentley's charges. She told the committee he gave direct to Silvermaster information which was turned over to her and went from her to her Russian bosses in New York.

White, Assistant Secretary to the Treasury under Secretary Morgenthau, is the author of the Morgenthau Plan for Germany.

Miss Bentley said she did not know what Currie's motives were for supplying the spy ring with information. Of White, she declared:

"I don't know whether Mr. White was a card-carrying Communist or not."

#### **Began Contacts in 1941**

It was in 1941, Miss Bentley said, that she first began her contacts with Government employees to get information to turn over to Jacob Golos, Russian-born citizen, who at one time was chairman of the central control committee of the Communist Party. It was her love for Golos, she said, which entrapped her in the spy business.

Her first contact in Washington was Silvermaster, she said.

As time went on, she said, she got more and more military information out of the Pentagon.

As she put it: "... Then as the war progressed, and as we got people into the Pentagon, the volume increased quite heavily."

#### **Two Best at Pentagon**

Her two best contacts in the Pentagon, she told the committee, were George Silverman and Ludwig Ullman, whom she called "Lud."

"We had complete data as to almost all of the aircraft production in the country as to types, how many were being produced, where they were allocated and so on. We had all sorts of inside information on policies of the Air Corps."

#### **How D-Day Long Before**

"As I said, we knew D-Day long before D-Day happened, and we were right."

lot of information about General Hildring's activities," a matter in which the Russians were then immediately interested.

(From April, 1943, to 1946, Maj. Gen. John H. Hildring was director of civil affairs for the War Department, a job which entailed setting policies for countries which his country expected to occupy and in fact did occupy. The occupation of Germany, which has now resulted in the Berlin crisis, was within his jurisdiction. Hildring, former Assistant Secretary of State, is now retired and lives in Phoenix, Ariz.)

The witness said she had photographs and plans of the B-29 bomber and typed up information on it herself.

Hillman, she said, made himself the official photographer for the Silvermaster spy ring. When he was tied up, Helen Silvermaster would do the work in the basement hideout of their home.

#### Politics to Browder

All political information about the inside workings of this Government went to Earl Browder, now deposed chief of the Communist Party in the United States.

Browder, she testified, wanted nothing to do with military information, apparently through fear of getting too deeply involved. So that went straight into the hands of Russian agents—first Golos, and then shadowy mysterious figures identified only by first names.

But even the political information went to the Russians after Browder had a look at it, she declared.

Miss Bentley said she got all kinds of information from her contacts in the Office of Strategic Services headed by Gen. William J. Donovan.

#### Lee First Contact There

Duncan Lee, one of the legal advisers to Donovan in OSS, she said, was her first contact in that organization. "She explained that Lee had been a member of the Institute for Pacific Relations in New York and, through that knew Mary Watkins Price, former secretary to Walter Lippmann, now head of the Wallace Party in North Carolina.

What kind of information did she get from OSS, she was asked.

"All types of information were given—highly secret information—on what OSS was doing, such as, for example, that they were trying to make secret negotiations with governments in the Balkan bloc, in case the war ended; that they were parachuting people into Hungary, that they were sending OSS people into Turkey to operate in the Balkans, and so on—the fact that General Donovan was interested in having an exchange between NKVD and OSS, all sorts of information.

street corner and the like.

Who but Duncan Lee?

#### In "Hush-Hush" Division

"Helen T. Bentley. She worked in the well, I would guess you call it the hush-hush division of the OSS, in the Spanish division, and then when that sort of dried up, she was handling the Balkans, too, at one time. She was a Communist Party member, the witness said.

Then there was J. Julius Joseph, she testified. He was with the War Manpower Commission first and

then, when he was to be drafted, she said, "he pulled strings" and got into OSS, where he was in the Japanese division. That was very handy, she said, because it was right next door to the Russian division and he could report on both. He and his wife, she said, were both party members.

Morris Halperin, another party member, she said, was head of the Latin American division, research and analysis branch, OSS.

#### Access to State Files

Halperin, she declared, had access not only to OSS cables and information but also to State Department information as well.

Halperin was a regular eager beaver for his party work, she indicated.

She described how Halperin "got stranded" in Washington without a contact. He was a great friend of Willard Z. Park, a cousin of the man known as Bruce Minton, a former editor of the New Masses, and through Park, Halperin contacted Minton, who referred him to Golos, she testified. Golos sent Miss Bentley to Park's home to establish contact.

#### Real Name Branston

Minton's real name is Richard Branston, and he is the former husband of Louise Branston, whom Miss Bentley described as a Communist and a fellow-student of hers at Vassar.

Stripling said the record shows that Park lives at 36 Poplar ave., Takoma Park, Md. He was employed at the time in the office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, and was apparently on loan to OSS. He said that Park was active in the American Peace Mobilization, the organization that picketed the White House during the Soviet-Nazi nonaggression and trade pact.

Park, said Miss Bentley, was not a Communist. "He was what we called a sympathizer and was not too ready to help, and he was rather temperamental, and his information was not too valuable.

his active direction.

He collected dues in Halperin, Miss Bentley said, as well as from Joseph and his

#### In Contact With Marshall

Halperin, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, class of 1929, won his doctorate at the Sorbonne in Paris. According to records, Halperin maintains liaison with the Department of State, including direct contact with the Secretary of State and chief officers of the American delegation to the United Nations. He also represents the American Jewish Conference at meetings of Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons, American Association for United Nations, etc.

Miss Bentley testified she also collected party dues from Robert Miler, who was head of the Research Division, CIAA, and from Joseph Gregg, who was one of his assistants. Gregg, she said, fought for the Loyalists in the Spanish Civil War. His wife, Ruth, also was a Communist, she said.

A bit of interesting incidental information came out when Miss Bentley said the Communists put a surtax of 20 per cent on their dues for persons earning over \$5000 a year.

#### Didn't Handle Secrets

Miss Bentley said she also knew Bernard Redmont in CAA as a Communist but he worked in the press section and so didn't have any secret information.

Then, she said, there was Michael Greenberg, who worked for Currie.

Greenberg, she said, was not a member of the Communist Party in this country because he was an Englishman, and the Communist Party would not accept aliens. Greenberg, she testified, had been a member in England.

Representative Karl Mundt (R., S. Dak.), coauthor of the Mundt-Nixon bill, commented that the Communist Party would not accept aliens because if they did those aliens could not then become American citizens.

Greenberg, she said, was a specialist on China.

#### All to Be Subpenaed

When Miss Bentley finished naming her "contacts" in Washington, Thomas said he will issue subpoenas for every person named "and we will have them all in, one after another in a public hearing.

at the same time, she thought. In addition to the rings, she said, she had contact with some individuals.

The Perlo ring, headed by Victor Perlo of WPB, she said, was turned over to her by John Abt.

"John Abt," she said, "was the man who took charge of the Perlo group before I had it."

Abt, former attorney for Sidney Hillman's Amalgamated Clothing Workers, played a prominent role during the recent Progressive Party convention. He was with CIO-PAC at the time she knew him, Miss Bentley declared.

Irving Kaplan, she said, was paying his dues to the Perlo group but giving his information to the Silverman group. He was employed at the War Production Board, she said.

She first met Perlo, Magdoff, Fitzgerald and Kramer in Abt's apartment, Central Park West, New York City, she said.

None of the members of either ring, she said, received any money from Golos, or the Russian agents who followed him except for expenses of trips to New York. She handed the money to her contacts for those trips, she said.

After Golos died—of hardening of the arteries, in 1943—she said her first contact replacing him was an American—a girl known only as Katherine.

Here, for the first time, a blonde entered the story. Miss Bentley

described "Katherine" as a tall, slender girl, with blond curly hair done in one of these—what do you call them?—wind-blown bobs, light hair, light eyes.

#### She's "In Between"

For days a dispute has been tossed about among reporters as to Miss Bentley's own appearance. Some persist in describing her as a blonde herself. She has dark brown hair, blue eyes and a moderately fair skin. Asked yesterday whether she considered herself blonde or brunette, she said, "In between."

Representative F. Edward Hebert (D., La.) pressed Miss Bentley as to why she had joined in the Russian espionage net.

He asked her if she had not considered it betraying her own country in time of war.

"It never occurred to me that way because I think the mistake you make when you look at Communism is that you take it as an intellectual process.



# Almost a Religion

"It is not. It is almost a religion, and it gets you so strongly that you take orders blindly. You believe it blindly."

"That accounts for the fact that no real Communist is religious, or has any religion."

Communists have the necessary mentality to arrive at better conclusions, she said, but that mentality has "been dulled by this emotional process."

"Who spurred this emotionalism in you, this man Golos?" pressed Hebert.

"Yes," Miss Bentley replied.

"So then it was an individual case of a personal devotion that swayed you?"

"Yes, it was."

"And blinded you to your traitorous acts against your own country?"

"That is right."

Miss Bentley made it clear that some members of the espionage ring had no idea the information was being transmitted to Soviet agents, first to Catherine, and then a Russian named Bill and then one named Jack.

## Just Plain "Suckers"

These thought that the information was going only to Browder. Miss Bentley commented tartly that the rank and file of the Communist Party were just plain "suckers."

They didn't know, she said, that Browder had a fine summer home, a car and a private chauffeur.

Toward the end of the afternoon the serious trend of the hearing was somewhat lightened by what amounted to a jurisdictional row over William W. Remington, the Commerce Department employee who appeared in his own defense before the Senate investigating subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Executive Expenditures yesterday.

## Cites Bilbo "Lynching"

Representative John Rankin (D., Miss.) wanted the House Un-American Activities Committee to call Remington then and there, despite the fact he is still on call before the Senate committee. Rankin recalled the fact that it was this committee "which lynched" the late Senator Theodore G. Bilbo (D., Miss.) and prevented his assuming his seat in the Senate a year ago.

He said he didn't think this committee would be left to ferret out Communists. He was overruled by formal vote of the House group, but Thomas assured him the com-



LAUGHLIN CURRIE

... inside facts



HARRY DEXTER WHITE

... very helpful



JOHN ABT

... member of ring

mittee "would not neglect" Remington, one of Thomas's own New Jersey constituents.

Scripling asked Miss Bentley if she knew whether or not the Silvermaster ring, which originally started as a Communist Party unit within the Government, had been founded by Harold Ware, son of Ella Reeves Bloor, "Mother Bloor" to the Communist Party. She said she had no knowledge of that.

She knew many prominent Communists, she said, including Louis Budenz, one-time editor of the Daily Worker, who has now turned Roman Catholic and renounced communism.

Budenz, she said, relayed to her information he got from Louis Adamic, leftist writer, who is a native of Yugoslavia. Adamic had "some unofficial" connection with OSS which gave him information, she said. Adamic was one of the speakers at the Progressive Party convention in Philadelphia recently.



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brought up in a meeting... the top command... the top man from... Admiral Leahy was there... I think a representative of Roosevelt and all the top people... He described that meeting in detail to me... He even went into such details as the fact that Admiral Leahy was definitely against such an exchange.

**Stopped by Committee Counsel**  
At this point she was stopped by Committee Counsel B. L. T. Stripling, who said the committee should hear such details as this in executive session.

Her testimony was placed before the FBI in 1945. It formed the basis of part of the case recently laid before a Federal grand jury in New York, which is now active.

After Miss Bentley's testimony detailing this and other information she claimed to have received from Lee, Lee wrote and finally denied he had ever given her any such information.

Representatives P. Stewart Herbert (D. La.) and Karl Mundt (D. Pa.) joined in a demand yesterday that when the case is over the Department of Justice take action to prosecute some witnesses in the case for perjury. It was obvious the committee was certainly hearing some perjured testimony from one side or the other, they said, and it should be possible to check details and find out which one of their witnesses was lying.

**Lee Knew Miss Bentley**  
Lee, a Rhodes scholar, testified that he knew Miss Bentley as Helen Grant. He had been introduced to her, he said, in October, 1943, by Miss Mary Price, former secretary of Walter Lippmann, who is now organizer of the Wallace Progressive Party in North Carolina.

He testified that he knew Jacob Golos, too. He had met him, he said, after he met Miss Bentley, and had known him socially. Lee testified he met Golos at a restaurant on 15th st., the 823.

Miss Bentley confirmed that Golos, she said, Lee knew it wasn't a social call. "Golos introduced himself as a high functionary of the Communist Party, explained that they were very much interested in the matter," Mr. Lee was furnishing, and had a long chat with him on the type of information that was available and what he should look for.

**Golos Needed "Front"**  
Previously Miss Bentley testified Golos was convicted of being an unauthorized foreign agent at Russia in 1940 and therefore had to find someone else to front his business because he was too closely identified as a Communist. In his formal statement before the committee, Lee said:

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"During the war my wife and I and Miss Bentley were at the home of a friend. We had a great many people at this time. Thereafter, we saw Miss Bentley and on the 15th we were together. She had a letter from a Soviet agent."

**Not Recalled First**  
"I have it in mind during my service with OSS never to discuss anything that had not previously appeared in the newspaper, and then, when the agent made public, I certainly kept strictly to his role in any talks I ever had with Miss Bentley."

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# Guard Miss Bentley

By Dorothea Andrews  
Post Reporter

As two congressional committees probed evidence of a Communist spy ring among trusted Government workers, the source of these sensational disclosures, Miss Elizabeth T. Bentley, self-confessed Communist spy, went into seclusion yesterday.

She is being kept "under wraps," guarded by two Capitol policemen at an undisclosed hideout. Miss Bentley is under subpoena from the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Special Investigating Committee, both of which will meet today to develop further the testimony Miss Bentley has given of Communist activities in Government circles.

Latest developments last night were:

1. The House Committee on Un-American Activities expects to write to Attorney General Tom Clark today to ask him to call a grand jury here to study evidence in its files.

2. A surprise witness today before the investigating subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Executive Expenditures will be Louis Budenz, former managing editor of the Daily Worker, who renounced communism and joined the Catholic church. Budenz, as one well acquainted with Miss Bentley, is being brought in as a corroborative witness.

3. The Senate group, which is concerning itself with the operation of Government loyalty checks, also is trying to reach Dr. John W. Studebaker, former Commissioner of Education, who yesterday accused FSA Administrator Oscar Ewing of censoring anti-Communist teachings. They want Studebaker to testify.

At 2 p. m. the House Committee will meet in executive session. Chairman Thomas (R., N. J.) has stated all the persons named by Miss Bentley will be subpoenaed and quizzed in public hearings. And at the first possible moment, he told a reporter, the committee will file a "formal, written request for the convening of a special grand jury in Washington, looking to prompt prosecution of espionage charges in all cases in which this is warranted."

The committee has evidence of its own which backs up charges of wartime Government espionage in "about half" of the 30-some cases cited by Miss Bentley, it was learned yesterday.

Three of the persons whom Miss Bentley has charged were involved either directly or indirectly in Government activities already.

under subpoena by the House Committee. These are Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, formerly with the Board of Economic Warfare, later with the Agriculture Department, Charles Kramer (born Kravitsky), formerly on the staff of a Senate Education and Labor Subcommittee under Senator Pepper (D., Fla.) and Harry S. Magdoff, formerly with the Commerce Department.

Another denial of Miss Bentley's charges was made yesterday by Frank Coe, whom she had described as a member of the Communist Party and one of a group of Treasury employees who furnished the Soviet spy ring with information.

Coe said Miss Bentley's statement was "untrue and absurd." He said he did not know her and added, "I was never a member of any such group as she describes. I have never given information to Soviet agents or to any unauthorized person and I have already testified to that effect under oath."

William W. Remington, who comes up for more quizzing by the Senate committee today, elaborated yesterday on his recent explanation of his connection with Miss Bentley in an interview over the WINX program, "Is Congress Doing Its Job?," conducted by Ed Hart.

Remington said he was "quite flattered" to be asked for information by Miss Bentley, because he was under the impression she was doing research work for I. F. Stone of the newspaper PM, and for Reporter Kenneth Crawford. He added information he gave her had already been published.

Remington said the two formulas which Miss Bentley said he gave her were strictly "crackpot stuff," made public after they had been proved worthless, to show Miss Bentley how some crackpots wasted the WPB's time.

Efforts to reach other persons named in Miss Bentley's testimony failed yesterday. Victor Perlo, whom she named as head of an spy ring, was remembered as an "able but eccentric" fellow at the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, where he worked from June, 1935, to October, 1937. One official there said Perlo came to FHLBB with a reputation as a "mathematical genius."

tion Admin- hem 14, 18 for the Office of Monetary Research of the Treasury Department. Robert E. Stimpert, House Committee investigator, was at Saturday's hearing that the committee did not know Perlo's present whereabouts.

Two other Treasury officials named by Miss Bentley as being connected with Communist activities were out of the city yesterday. Harold Gasser, former director of Monetary Research, whose last address here was 5410 Cathedral ave., has disconnected his phone and moved from that address, telephone company records show.

Another, William H. Taylor, assistant director of the Division of Monetary Research, whose Washington address is 3120 51st st., had July 2, and gave no indication when he planned to resume it.

Marice Halperin, whom Miss Bentley described as having "all the information which the OSS was getting on Latin America" as well as "access to the cables which the OSS was getting in from its agents abroad," could not be reached at his address in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Halperin served as chairman of a special joint Army-Navy-OSS intelligence project, under direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and participated in the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco in 1945, according to the employment record furnished the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

John Abt, whom Miss Bentley said had been in "charge of the Perlo group before I had it," and whom she identified as a former affiliate of the CIO-Political Action Committee, was on vacation from his New York home yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

Others who could not be reached were:

Robert T. Miller, head of the Research Division of the CIAA, whom Miss Bentley described as a dues-paying Communist. A native of Pittsburgh, he was a writer and analyst for a public relations corporation in 1933-34, a free-lance newspaper correspondent in Europe from 1934-39; publisher and editor of a weekly magazine from 1939-41; and chief of the political analysis section, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, from 1941-1943.

George Silverman, whom Miss Bentley said furnished "prolific information" to her group. According to House testimony he was originally with the Railroad Retirement Board, later in a civilian capacity with the Air Forces.

Harry Magdoff, employed by the War Production Board and

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later by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Since December, 1946, he has been employed by the New Council American Business in New York City, according to records furnished the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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**DUNCAN LEE**  
Denies Red Charge

## Ullman, Miller And Lee Brand Accusations False At House Hearing

By Mary Spargo  
Post Reporter

In testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities three wartime Government employees yesterday denied allegations by Miss Elizabeth T. Bentley that they had given her information while she was courier for Soviet agents.

These denials were followed by disclosure of an FBI confirmation that Miss Bentley had been a courier for the Soviet Union and such had been paid \$2,000 in bills by a First Secretary of Russian Embassy in 1945. The day said Miss Bentley a year ago she told the FBI her story is now impounded in the session of this Government.

Miss Bentley had earlier testified story briefly on the witness stand before the

...ing subcommittee. She was also awarded the Russian "Red Star" for her services.

Story is supported

This high Government backing of one part of Miss Bentley's story followed a day in which three men called her "a liar," a "neurotic," and "an unhappy drinker."

The three witnesses yesterday were:

Duncan Chaplin Lee, 33, former lieutenant colonel in the Bushy Office of Strategic Services, who swore he was not a Communist, knew Miss Bentley well but did not give her any information.

William Ludwig Ullman, 40, former major in the Air Corps, and still a Reserve officer, who would not say whether or not he knew Miss Bentley or whether or not he was a member of the Communist Party on the ground it might incriminate him to answer. He swore he had never given Miss Bentley any information.

Robert T. Miller, former assistant chief of the Division of Research and Publications in the office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in the State Department, who swore he knew Miss Bentley and that she was not a spy.

...information and knew also Miss Bentley's boss, Jacob Golos, a Russian secret agent, but did not give him any information either.

### Voluntarily Resigned

Miller swore he had voluntarily resigned from the State Department after investigation with letters of commendation from his superiors.

Later he said he had not known until the committee told him of a memorandum in State Department files from R. L. Bannerman, Chief of Controls, to Donald Russell, Assistant Secretary, dated July 24, 1946, recommending he be discharged. The memorandum said that FBI investigation indicated he constituted "a strong risk to the security of departmental functions."

Her face flushing furiously, Bentley sat in the crowded hearing room and heard Lee call her a "nuisance" and "drunk" and Ullman call her "a liar" and Miller call her "nuisance" and a heavy drinker.

The Vassar graduate who had turned Soviet spy for long Golos, repented and went to the FBI in 1945, was nevertheless composed when she rose to confront those who accused her.

### After Lee Swore He Had Never Given Her Any Information

Miss Bentley testified that in November of 1944 Lee had told her he had word "that something very secret" was going on at Oak Ridge, Tenn., where the atomic energy project is located. He didn't know what it was, she said, but it was something very secret.

Then she told the committee that in the spring of 1944 she met Lee at a corner drug store and he gave her certain other information.

He was very much upset because he had found out that General Donovan was interested in making an exchange of NKVD agents with OSS men.

He said that this had been seen NKVD. Page 2, Column 1

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**World Tourists Moves**  
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to larger quarters at 1245 Broadway,  
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Elizabeth Bentley...will now be sought by private detectives.  
(International Photo)

## 5-Week Search Fails To Find Reds' 'Spy Queen'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (INS).—The whereabouts of Elizabeth T. Bentley, self-styled Communist spy, became a mystery today when Federal marshals abandoned a five-week search for her.

Attorneys for William Remington told newsmen the Government has admitted it cannot find the woman who rocked the capital last Summer with her testimony to Congressional committees on the operations of a wartime Communist espionage ring.

### Court Order Signed

Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., attorney for Remington, who is suing Miss Bentley for libel in connection with her accusations against him, said William V. Connell, clerk of

The U. S. District Court in New York, signed an order today turning over the



Wm. Remington.  
Books abuser.

search to private detectives.

The order was requested by Remington, assailed Commerce Department employee.

Also defendants in Remington's \$100,000 suit are the National Broadcasting Co. and General Foods Corp.

The suit was filed Oct. 6. After a futile search by Federal marshals for Miss Bentley, Richard Green, New York attorney for Remington, petitioned the court for the right to take over the hunt.

He said William P. Rogers, chief counsel for the Senate investigating Committee; Robert E. Stripling, chief investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee, and other persons have been contacted, but they have no knowledge of Miss Bentley's whereabouts.

Green added that Assistant U. S. Attorney Donegan in New York told him he is quite sure the former "sp queen" is not in New York City, but that he understands she is somewhere in Westchester County.

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**Event on Church Admission:**

# **Spy Queen in Catholic Retreat As Protegee of Msgr. Sheen**

**Missing Miss Bentley to Have Budenz,  
Ex-Red Editor, as Baptismal Godfather**

By JOSEPH MARTIN and NEAL PATTERSON  
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NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (NY News)—Elizabeth T. Bentley, former queen of a Communist spy ring, who was listed as missing in papers filed in federal court last Friday, is in a Roman Catholic retreat in New York City and has been taking instruction in the Catholic faith from Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen it was learned today.

The plump blonde, whose whereabouts have been a mystery for more than five weeks, has been in the local retreat in the upper part of the city, for only one week, but earlier she had been in seclusion at another retreat near Hawthorne, N. Y.

In addition to quietly pursuing her religious meditations, while

U. S. marshals, attorneys and process servers were frantically seeking her to serve her with papers in a \$100,000 slander suit brought by William W. Remington, suspended Commerce department official, Miss Bentley made several trips to Washington for conferences with her spiritual adviser.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (NY News)—A "very eminent attorney" here will accept papers in a day or so for Elizabeth T. Bentley, former queen of a Communist spy ring, in the \$100,000 slander suit brought against her by William W. Remington, suspended Commerce department employee, friends of Miss Bentley declared today.

Miss Bentley's friends disclosed that she was received into the Catholic faith Nov. 5 in a Washington church.

The N.Y. News had revealed yesterday in an exclusive story that Miss Bentley—reported as missing in papers filed in federal court last Friday by Remington's counsel—is in a Catholic retreat in New York City.

Remington charges in his suit that Miss Bentley falsely called him a Red in a television interview Sept. 12. A friend, telling of the legal assistance arranged for her, said: "She has nothing to fear."

Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, the Catholic university professor who led Miss Bentley into the Catholic church, declined to discuss the affair.

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# Stripling Tells How She Became a Spy, Served as Spy Courier, Finally Exposed Red

This is the fifteenth of a series of articles by Robert E. Stripling on the Communist conspiracy in the United States. Stripling was chief investigator for the House un-American activities committee from 1938 to 1948. The articles were edited by Bob Considine, Times-Herald and International News Service columnist.

By ROBERT E. STRIPLING

**E**LIZABETH BENTLEY, a Vassar graduate and later a teacher at the exclusive Foxcroft school, Middleburg, Va., drifted deeply into communism through her hatred of fascism and her love of a dying Communist named Jacob Golos.

Returning from her post-graduate studies in Florence, in the middle 1930s, she met a number of U. S. Communists and left-wingers who urged her to speak on Italian fascism at several of their functions. In short order she joined the American League Against War and Fascism, one of the Communist fronts cleverly endowed with a name and apparent purpose calculated to enlist sympathy from Americans.

Her early mentor in communism, she later testified, was Dr. James Mendenhall, a professor in Columbia university's teachers college. Through Columbia, she was placed in a job with the Italian Library of Information, a propaganda arm of Mussolini's dictatorship. She began supplying Communist party headquarters in New York with information she picked up in line with her duties at the library.

## False Passports

Miss Bentley's efficiency in this modest role came to the attention of Golos, president of World Tourists, Inc., a travel bureau set up with Communist funds. The bureau served as a clearing house for the traffic between this country and Russia of a number of Red agents, some of them traveling under false passports—as in the case of Gerhart Eisler.

She fell in love with Golos, and it was to him that she thereafter turned over the information she obtained from the library. When Hitler invaded the Soviet Union in 1941 Golos promoted her to the role of courier.

Her duties obliged her to travel to Washington every two weeks and collect copies of stolen government documents and other information. She received most of these, she testified later, from Nathan Gregg

ory Silvermaster, Russian-born government official who, she said, headed one of several Communist spy groups within the government.

She also collected the Communist party dues of certain government officials, including a 20 per cent surtax on those earning more than \$5,000 a year. Such political information as she received was shown to Earl Browder in New York. Then that information, along with the military data she obtained, was sent to Moscow by Golos.

## Vital Defense Secrets

In her pocketbook, traveling bag and occasionally her paper shopping bag, she transported a wealth of vital secret information, including the date of D-day, plans for the B-29 and other U.S. warplanes then in an embryo state, news that U.S. counter-espionage agents were about to break the Soviet code, considerable information about the secret work of the OSS, and U.S. plans for the postwar occupation of Axis countries.

But things changed when her man Golos died of the somewhat unromantic malady of hardening of the arteries.

Miss Bentley tried working directly with Browder for a time, but found him evasive and contemptuous of her—as he was of all American Communists. Those he assigned her to "... were about the cheapest type of person I have ever seen—the gangster type." In July, 1945, she stopped paying her party dues.

When it became apparent to her superiors that she was drifting away, a great effort was made to placate her and revive her interest. It failed. In August, 1945, she went to FBI headquarters in New Haven, Conn., because she felt she was being followed in New York City, and told her story. She named the names with which she bombshelled the committee three years later.

## Followed by FBI

The FBI made its report, followed her thereafter. But the Communist party did not give her up easily. Her case was considered important enough to enlist the attention of Anatol Gromov, first secretary of the Russian Embassy. He gave her \$2,000 in \$20 bills at the corner of Fourth street and Tenth avenue in the fall of 1945 and later, by order of the supreme presidium of the U.S.S.R., the Order of the Red Star.

Though she turned over the \$2,000 and the decoration to the FBI immediately after receipt, and gave a fantastically detailed story of her activities and the men and women with whom she conspired, she appar-

ently was viewed with suspicion by the Justice department.

For as soon as it was made known that the committee had subpoenaed her at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn, Vincent T. Quinn, then assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division and now a member of Congress from Brooklyn, came to my office to counsel caution. He was accompanied by George Morris Fay, U. S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

I sensed readily enough that their visit had something to do with Miss Bentley, so I rang up Chairman J. Parnell Thomas at his New Jersey home and asked the officials to speak to him—not me.

## Secret Inquiry Urged

They urged Thomas to question Miss Bentley in executive session and warned him that while the Justice department had never been able definitely to disprove any of her allegations there was available no material evidence, and a great dearth of corroborating witnesses.

The committee at first heard Miss Bentley in closed session when she appeared July 31, 1948. But after a very short period of questioning it was unanimously decided by member Democrats and Republicans alike that the hearing should be opened.

The protests of most of those named were quick and generally indignant.

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# Miss Bentley Of Campus Communism

The same Communistic tides that engulfed Elizabeth Bentley during her student days were described yesterday by the self-styled reformed Red spy queen as stilling on the campuses of American colleges. She warned that only through faith in religion and democracy can such dangerous currents be thrown back.

The Vassar graduate, who embraced the Catholic faith last Summer after her sensational testimony before Washington spy probes, addressed a Newman Club communion breakfast at the Hotel Commodore. She highlighted her remarks by pointing to herself as an example of the pitfalls of disbelief in either religion or democracy.

"Since I lacked religious training," she told 1,300 Catholic college students, "I had a very shaky foundation in democracy. You can't have a democracy unless you have religious beliefs behind it. As I drifted from religion to materialism, my belief in democracy also faded."

Smartly dressed in black and wearing a red corsage, the 39-year-old former courier for a Kremlin-led wartime espionage ring looked happier than during her Washington appearances as she related events leading to her



Elizabeth T. Bentley addressing Newman Club yesterday.

downfall and how she "finally found the truth I was seeking."

"Since I had no faith in democracy," she said, "I was a pushover for Communism. It was presented to me as a program for the betterment of humanity. So, after I met my first Communist in 1934 (here she apparently referred to the late Jacob Golos, a key Red spy), I became a member of the Communist Party."

Miss Bentley said Communists "put the blinders on me" and "made a fanatic out of me."

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## 'CONFUSION' MADE HER BECOME RED

The greatest foe of Communism today is religion, Miss Elizabeth Bentley, self-described former courier for a Russian spy ring, said yesterday in a lecture in Brooklyn.

Addressing 600 members of the Fidelity Council, Knights of Columbus, at a Communion breakfast in the St. Stanislaus Kostka Auditorium, she said that many "young, confused Americans" are fooled by the Communist party, because of their lack of religious faith and understanding.

Miss Bentley, who renounced Communism and became a Roman Catholic, blamed her entry into the party on the fact that she was "young, confused and idealistic."

"Religion to me meant only sitting in church and counting the organ pipes," she declared, adding that most young Communists come from good backgrounds.

She said that she went to college, where she was "surrounded by pro-Communist professors, of which there are too many in American schools." The Communists, she said, "taught me how to lead a double life" and "made you believe that you were not an individual" and that Communism would bring world security. She said that she had assumed ten different names as a Communist.

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# Soviet Embassy Aide Bossed Her Work, Says Spy Queen

By FRANK HOLEMAN

Elizabeth T. Bentley, confessed Soviet spy queen, revealed yesterday she worked directly under the first secretary of the Soviet embassy, and thus confirmed earlier reports he is actually boss of Red espionage and controls the ambassador.

She said she had learned from FBI sources that the Russians have 80,000 to 90,000 spies, saboteurs and propagandists in this country.

Miss Bentley again charged that William W. Remington, recently reinstated as an official of the Commerce department, is a Communist who fed her government secrets during the war.

Testifying before the Senate judiciary subcommittee on immigration, the 40-year-old blonde was asked if any of her alleged spy contacts during the war are still in government.

"Only one that I know of," she replied. Asked for the name, she said calmly, "William Remington who, I understand, is still an official in the Commerce department."

## Reinstated by Board

Remington was suspended following Miss Bentley's first charges here last summer. But he was cleared, and ordered reinstated, by President Truman's top loyalty review board when Miss Bentley failed to appear at its hearing.

While she was still in the Red spy ring, she related, she once asked to meet "the boss." The boss turned out to be the first secretary of the Soviet embassy, she declared.

"He told me once that the first secretary is always the head of the Soviet secret police," she went on. She did not give the Russian's name. There have been several changes in that embassy post since the war.

## Backs Red Ex-Attache

Thursday, Kirill Alexeev, former commercial attache at the Red embassy in Mexico, put the finger on the first secretary as the real boss of every Red diplomatic installation abroad. The Soviet embassy here now lists two first secretaries, Sergei R. Strigunov and Boris M. Krotov.

"Allens are the brains and backbone of the Communist party," Miss Bentley declared, urging the committee to approve legislation

which would deport, or keep out foreign-born Communists.

"If you cut that backbone, you throw the Communist party off balance," she declared. "If you deport the aliens, you take away from the party the brains that are operating it."

She claimed that U. S. Communist party leaders, like Earl Browder, have been only "fronts" for aliens.

## Americans Not Trusted

"The first secretary told me they do not trust Americans for espionage work," Miss Bentley went on. "They did not know whether they could depend upon them in event of war, no matter how corrupt or how well steeled, as they call it."

This jibed with the testimony of Alexeev, who said 85 per cent of Soviet spying is done by Russians. Local Communist groups, do the other 5 per cent, he declared.

Alexeev appeared before the committee in secret session again yesterday, presumably to spill names which the senators want kept secret.

Miss Bentley said she believes some of her former government contacts are now working in the U.N.

"I have been trying to check that, but haven't yet verified it," she said.

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# Linked to Spying By Miss Bentley

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP).—Elizabeth T. Bentley, former Red courier, today named six additional government employes as information suppliers for the Soviet government.

House spy hunters, meanwhile, let it be known they suspect that somebody in the government tipped wartime Russian spies when G-men picked up their trails.

The suspicions are based partly on testimony Miss Bentley gave last year and partly on information obtained in a new case on which hearings will be held tomorrow.

Miss Bentley sent the new names, plus 31 she had mentioned before, to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Neither she nor the committee said whether any of them still get paychecks from the Government. None of the six was widely known in the capital.

The newcomers whose names went into the committee's official records were:

Peter Perazich of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration; Ruth Rivkin, also of UNRRA; Bernice Leyin, of the old War Production Board; Vladimir Kazakevich, teacher of Army courses at Cornell University; Peter Rhodes, broadcaster for the Army in Africa and Italy; and Abraham Brothman, reserve Army officer, also listed as an employe of Republic Steel Co.

## Lists Others

Miss Bentley also had some new names of persons outside the government who she said were on the relay team that passed information to the Russians.

These included Anatol Volkov, a courier; Hazen Size, Canadian film board, Canadian Legation, Washington; Cedric Belfrage, British intelligence service, New York; and Mrs. Robert Miller, Chinese Purchasing Commission.

Miss Bentley declared she was a courier for wartime Red spy rings which she says got secrets from government workers and passed them to Soviet agents and on to Moscow. She soured on Communism and told her story to the FBI and later to Congressional committees.

An immigration subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee asked her on May 13 to submit names of persons "who to her knowledge were involved in relaying information to the Soviet government."

The subcommittee, headed by



ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
Names 6 additional "Informers."  
(International Photo)

Both the Senate Judiciary and House Un-American Activities Committee are digging into Communist activities and espionage.

Tomorrow's House hearing was called to develop a story that a Russian official tried to extract military secrets from the Bell Aircraft plant at Buffalo, but that he did a poor job of lining up contacts.

The Russian was identified by committee officials as the head of a Soviet government purchasing mission that bought Bell fighter planes. He is reported to have left for Moscow after failing to keep some dates with contacts.

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# Spy Probe

By the United Press

House spy hunters yesterday said they suspect a Government source "tipped off" Soviet agents seeking wartime U. S. military secrets that counterespionage agents were on their trail.

They said their suspicions are based on independent testimony given the House Un-American Activities Committee by various witnesses, including former Communist courier Elizabeth T. Bentley. They hope to unravel part of the story at a public hearing today.

Scheduled to testify are Joseph J. Franey and his wife, Lenna, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Loren Haas of Buffalo. All three were wartime employees of the Buffalo plant of Bell Aircraft Corp. Mrs. Franey still is plant librarian.

## Names Made Public

They are expected to describe an alleged attempt by a high Russian official to buy secrets from them while he was at the Bell plant to acquire fighter planes for his government.

Meanwhile, Chairman McCarran (D., Nev.) made public the names of 46 persons, including 37 wartime Government employees, who were identified to his Senate Immigration Subcommittee by Miss Bentley as having taken part in Soviet spy activities.

All but nine had been identified by Miss Bentley in previous testimony. She repeated the names of such men as Author Louis Adamic, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, who was with the wartime Board of Economic Warfare, and Victor Perlo of the Foreign Economic Administration.

She also said the Soviet espionage ring was aided by Hazen Sise, an employe of the Canadian Legation here, and Cedric Beltrade who worked for British intelligence in New York.

## Told to "Play Along"

The Russian approached the Bell employes in the mistaken belief they would help him. Instead, they reported to the FBI, which told them to pretend to "play along." For some time they fed him "doctored" material of "no real value."

Miss Bentley, one of six new Government employes alleged members of the war-time Soviet spy ring. They were: Peter Perazich, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration; Ruth Hivkin, UNRRA; Bernice Levin, War Production Board; Vladimir Lazakevich, Cornell University Army instructor; Peter Rhodes, Army broadcaster in Africa and Italy, and Abraham Brothman, an Army reserve officer.

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Miss Bentley became a national figure last summer through her sensational testimony before the House un-American activities committee, and before a federal grand jury which indicted 12 leading Communists in New York.

She said she joined the Communist party in 1935, "went underground" in 1938 and became a courier for the Communists in 1940. She testified that she transmitted stolen information from government employes in Washington to Soviet agents in New York.

She fell in love with the late Jacob Golos, whom she identified as the real head of the Communist party.

But in 1945, she said, her con-

science troupe. They and she went to the federal bureau of investigation with her story. She said she stayed in the Communist party as an FBI informant for the following year and a half.

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## Elizabeth Bentley's Testimony

By BOB CONSIDINE

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WHEN she appeared before the House Un-American Activities Committee to spill the first of many names of alleged Communist accomplices, ex-Communist Elizabeth Bentley was asked whether she herself felt any remorse during her traitorous days. She had willingly admitted, just previously, that during her years as a courier working with the underground apparatus in Washington she had transported a wealth of secret information out of Washington, including the date of D-Day, plans for the B-29, secrets of the super-secret O.S.S., and some of this country's first post-war occupation plans.

"Remorse?" she repeated. "No. It never occurred to me that I was betraying my own government." Then she looked over the panel of Congressmen before her.

"The mistake you make when

you look at Communism is that you take it as an intellectual process. It is not.

"It is almost a religion, and it gets you so strongly that you take orders blindly. You believe it blindly. That accounts for the fact that no real Communist is religious or has any religion."

But she sickened of the cause after the death of a Communist named Jacob Golos, head of the Communist-backed World Tourists, Inc., a travel agency which was a front of faked passport work, including the spurious credentials on which Gerhardt Eisler once traveled in and out of the U. S.

Miss Bentley, a Vassar grad., was too deep into the Washington conspiracy to back out easily. She was sharply warned to stay in line. When she refused it was thought best to use cajolery in her case. In the Fall of 1945 she

informed the F.B.I. that the First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Washington, Anatol Gromov, had asked her to meet him at the corner of Fourth street and Tenth avenue, in N. Y. C., at a certain hour.

The F.B.I. told her to keep the appointment, and shadowed her. Agents watched Gromov give Miss Bentley \$2,000 in \$20 bills, which she turned over to the F.B.I. as soon as she parted from the Russian. He had also promised her the Order of the Red Star, "by Order of the Supreme Presidium of the U.S.S.R.," she reported. It subsequently arrived and is also now in the hands of the F.B.I.

When the House Committee subpoenaed her in the Summer of 1948, two representatives of the Attorney General's office—Vincent T. Quinn, of Brooklyn, and George Morris Fay, of the District of Columbia—approached Committee investigator Robert E. Stripling and urged him not to question her in public session.

They said that while the Justice Department had not been able to disprove her story, there was no material evidence, and few, if any, corroborating witnesses.

But the Committee rejected the advice and heard her, aloud. She said then that she had done business with Asst. Secretary of Treasury Harry Dexter White; Lauchlin Currie, an aide to President Roosevelt; Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, former Commerce Department authority on exports to Russia; Duncan Lee, legal adviser to the O.S.S.; John Abt, CIO-PAC official; Victor Perlo, itinerant government official; Charles Kramer, a functionary of a Senate Labor sub-Committee headed by Claude Pepper; Harry Magdoff, WPA official; Harold Glasser, Maj. William Ludwig Ullman, USAAF, and William Remington, Commerce Department.

Remington sued her for libel, and the case is still pending. The others blustered only defiance of her long story, which outlined, she said, their exact roles in what she called the apparatus.

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## Elizabeth Bentley Named Names

By BOB CONSIDINE

**D**URING her sharp-tongued stay in the witness chair before the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Summer before last, Vassar-trained ex-Communist Elizabeth Bentley named a host of alleged "Alger Hisses" who have never been further queried.

She accused Asst. Secretary of Treasury Harry Dexter White, co-author of the Bretton Woods Monetary Plan, sponsor of the World Bank, and reputed author of the so-called Morgenthau Plan for Germany, of moving Reds into key spots in several government offices.

White died shortly thereafter of a heart attack.

Miss Bentley charged also that Lauchlin Currie, an aide to President Roosevelt, had given her advance information on the break in the Soviet code (by U. S. experts), the date of D-Day, and the Administration's plans for aid to Chiang Kai-shek.

She called Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, one-time Commerce Department official

(\$9,000 a year) charged with determining the scale of exports to Russia, a card-bearing Communist and NKVD man.

Commerce official William Remington, she said, was her "most valuable" government contact, during her days as a runner of stolen Government documents and information.

Remington promptly sued her for libel. The case still pends. The others have not done this nor, apparently, has the Justice Department any interest in them.

Miss Bentley, on this same spectacular day, named Duncan Lee, legal adviser to O.S.S. head Maj. Gen. Bill Donovan, as the source of much of the information about O.S.S. plans, which she was able to turn over to her Communist superiors.

She then mentioned John Abt, CIO-PAC official, and said that his New York apartment was a hang-out for her fellow conspirators. Mrs. Abt, it was charged, was an editor of the magazine "Soviet Russia Today."

Victor Perlo, who had held posts in six government agencies, she said, was chief of one of two alleged document-stealing combines working in Washington. Miss Bentley accused him of supplying her with important aircraft production figures.

Then she named Charles Kramer, of the Labor Sub-Committee headed by Senators Claude Pepper and Harley M. Kilgore. She said his code name in the Washington apparatus was "Krivitsky." (Kramer had appeared before the House Committee a year before, on another case, and had refused to answer when asked if he had ever been a Communist.)

She followed with the name of Harold Glasser, a name with a wide government experience, and an Air Force major named William Ludwig Ullman.

Ullman, she said, made microfilm copies of stolen documents.

Unlike Whittaker Chambers, who followed her before the committee, Miss Bentley was never able to produce a shred of evidence to support her claims. Yet her testimony was in some ways even more detailed than Chambers'.

When Chambers got to the stand he also mentioned the names of White, Perlo and Abt.

He said that at the time he had known them, ending with his resignation from the Communist Party in 1938, the party "did not want them to act as sources of information." But their "ultimate objective," he said, was service to the U.S.S.R.

Miss Bentley operated in Washington circles from June of 1941 until she stopped paying her party dues in July, 1945, and told her story to the F. B. I.

Her testimony before the House Committee was wiped from the front pages of the papers, and apparently from the files of the Justice Department, as soon as Chambers mentioned the name Alger Hiss.

But the indications in Washington now are that she will be brought back, and that a young California Republican will remark to her, on the record, "Now what were you saying . . . ?"

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*re: Elizabeth T. Bentley*

**Elizabeth Bentley  
Quits Teaching Job  
For 'Work in D. C.'**

Chicago, May 1 (U.P.).—Elizabeth T. Bentley, admitted courier for a Communist spy ring during the war, has left her post here as a college instructor in order to make herself available for "work in Washington," it was learned tonight.

Officials of Mundelein College revealed that Miss Bentley left the school in February. It was learned she asked that her contract as a political science teacher be cut short because of the prospect of frequent trips to Washington.

Members of the staff did not know what her mission in the Nation's Capital was, but said there was no disagreement between the school and Miss Bentley. "Actually, it was very difficult for us to replace her," one staff member said. "She fitted in here very well."

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## At Bay Ridge Catholic Guild

Elizabeth Bentley, self-admitted former Communist spy and star witness for the prosecution in the current perjury trial of William W. Remington, last night charged that in American schools "students are consistently being given the idea that this democracy has failed."

Miss Bentley, who first drew attention by accusing a number of high officials in the New Deal of belonging to a Communist underground, spoke last night as the guest of the Bay Ridge Catholic Action Guild at Our Lady of Angels Auditorium, 74th St. and 4th Ave.

No mention of Remington or the trial was made during the Vassar graduate's talk. At the beginning of the question period, which consumed more than half of the evening, the audience was instructed not to query the speaker on this topic.

Instead, Miss Bentley spoke informally of her experiences "inside the Communist Party," stressing the underground worker's reliance upon American apathy. "We have got to get out of this lethargy," she said, "and stop taking our country for granted."

### Bees Youth in Danger

She spoke of the danger of Communist propaganda spreading among young people. "Students of college age think in blacks and whites," she said. She called them easy marks for Communist professors "smart enough to make them think they are figuring out the answers themselves."

It was here that she accused the schools of failing in their duty to teach that "we have in this country a religious and political heritage worth fighting for." She said that "if all of us feel this way we needn't worry about Communist ideology."

During World War II, Miss Bentley said, Anatol Gromov, then first secretary of the Soviet Embassy, had told her that war between Russia and the U. S. was "absolutely inevitable." He boasted that Americans would be pushovers, she declared, "because they have gotten soft."

### Reds Are Resolute

The members of the Red underground, the speaker

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warned, "believe in what they are doing." She urged all loyal Americans to stand by their convictions with as much resolution as the Communists.

She cited "every single citizen who doesn't go to the polls and vote, who doesn't think right and so doesn't vote right" as bearing the guilt for Communist underground progress in this country.

"Stay in the organizations you suspect the Communists of infiltrating," she urged, "and fight their influence."

The Bay Ridge Catholic Action Guild, headed by Richard J. Hughes, is made up of members of Our Lady of Angels, St. Ephrem's, St. Patrick's and St. Angelm's Churches. The Rev. James E. McEvoy is moderator of the guild.



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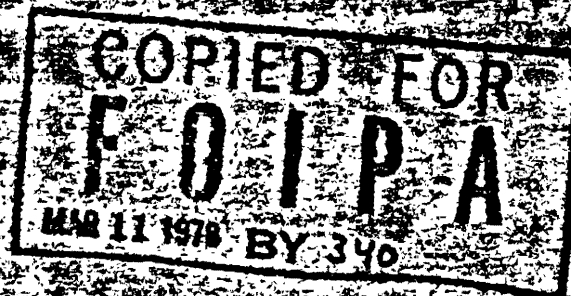
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J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject:

WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED

U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION

INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. T. Prater dated February 10, 1942 at New York City entitled, "World Tourists, Incorporated; Jacob Raisin, with aliases; U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation; John Hazard Reynolds, with aliases; Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, with aliases; Earl L. Spector, with alias; Registration Act, Espionage - R" New York file 97-13. There are numerous leads set forth in this report which have apparently received no investigative attention whatever. On January 15, 1944 Special Agent William Francis Eorton, Jr. submitted a closing report at New York City entitled, "Jacob Raisin, with aliases; Internal Security - C" indicating that Raisin, who was the director and sole stockholder of World Tourists, Incorporated, had died on November 25, 1943 in New York City.

The Bureau file on World Tourists, Incorporated and the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, does not contain any information regarding the current activities of either organization. It is desired that this case be brought up to date at once and a complete report submitted showing the recent and current activities of these two affiliated concerns as well as complete data regarding their personnel. All of those who are using the services of these companies to send material to Russia should be identified and their activities developed. This, of course, applies both to individuals and various concerns about the country which may be acting as subagents for World Tourists, Incorporated. It would appear that World Tourists, Incorporated and the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation are still in operation as on April 3, 1944 Konstantin Fedoseev, who is listed as a translator at the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C., in answer to an inquiry made to the Embassy regarding the shipment of material to Russia, stated that this could be done through World Tourists, Incorporated, 1123 Broadway, New York City and the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The investigation of these two organizations is to be conducted primarily from an Internal Security standpoint in order that the Bureau may be apprised of the activities of these concerns and their personnel and any connections with the Communist Party, members or fronts thereof, or official Soviet representatives. Although it is desired that full intelligence information be developed in this investigation it should be kept in mind that a violation of a federal statute may be developed which will warrant prosecution, particularly the Foreign Agents

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August 2, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED;  
U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION;  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

*United States*  
Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 5, 1944, in which you were instructed to bring the captioned case up to date and to submit a complete report showing the recent and current activities of these two affiliated concerns as well as complete data regarding their personnel.

A review of the Bureau's files does not reflect the receipt of such a report. Early attention should be afforded this case and a report submitted in the near future.

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Inspector HARBO

On May 5, 1944, the Bureau pointed out that this file did not contain any information regarding the current activities of the subject organizations. These Companies are known to have been used by the Russians in the shipment of material. In fact, it is known that the Russian Embassy in Washington, D.C. has recommended the use of these Companies.

On August 2, 1944, the Bureau directed attention of the New York Office to the failure to submit a report in this case and requested that a report be submitted in the near future. The Bureau has not been apprised of the inability to comply with its instructions. An explanation is desired for the failure to afford this case appropriate attention.

SAC E. E. CONROY  
Super. J.R. MALLEY

The instant case was assigned to Special Agent Robert H. Flatley on May 22, 1944, shortly after the letter from the Bureau was received on May 5, 1944 requesting that this case be brought up to date. It was necessary to utilize this Agent on a physical surveillance for a period of several months and for this reason he was unable to devote his investigative attention to this case. This Agent was recently transferred from Section #7 in compliance with the six months rule whereby an Agent must be given a different type of investigative activity. This case will be re-assigned and an investigative report submitted as quickly as possible.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 10/18/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/18; 10/3, 4/44	REPORT MADE BY HERBERT K. GARGES
TITLE CHANGED: WORLD TOURISTS, INC.; US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION; JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS, with aliases; John H. Reynolds, J. H. Reynolds, Jack Reynolds; ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, with aliases; Elizabeth T. Bentley, Elizabeth Bentley; MAX L. SPECTOR, alias M. L. Spector			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (R)
<p><b>SYNOPSIS:</b> WORLD TOURISTS, INC. presently engaged in shipping service between US and Soviet Russia. Former president, JACOB GOLOS, died November 1943. Office of president has remained vacant to date. Activities of WORLD TOURISTS, INC. presently directed by subject ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY. Financial activities of WORLD TOURISTS, INC. set out. US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION remains active as package shipping agency, arranging for shipments of packages to Soviet Russia. President JOHN H. REYNOLDS, presently on duty with US Army, holds rank of major. Activities of US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION presently being directed by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, Vice President and Secretary. Financial activities set out. Monthly average for 1943 of transfer of funds by US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION to INTOURIST, Soviet Russia, \$3,600; for first nine months 1944, \$5,200.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
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DETAILS: At New York, New York:-

The title of this case is being changed to reflect the elimination of the name JACOB RAISIN, with aliases, in view of his death in 1943.

For the sake of brevity, the US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION will, in this report, be referred to as the USS&S CORPORATION.

In an article entitled "JACOB GOLOS, Long Advocate of US-Soviet Amity, Dies Here", taken from the "Daily Worker" dated November 27th, 1943, the following excerpt appeared:

"In the past dozen years he was connected with the WORLD TOURISTS, cooperating in promoting travel to the Soviet Union. Through this agency many organized groups of teachers and professional workers went to the Soviet Union and learned of the democratic strength and progress of that great nation. This proved to be a big contribution to better understanding. Since travel has been cut off by the war, the WORLD TOURISTS have performed a fine function in organizing the sending of packages to individuals in the Soviet Union whom Americans know and want gifts and remembrances sent to. GOLOS was busy in directing this work when death overtook him."

Confidential Informant T-1 furnished the following information:

As of August 1st, 1944 the following officer set-up of WORLD TOURISTS, INC was reported:

President	-	Vacant
Vice President	-	Major JOHN H. REYNOLDS
Secretary	-	ELIZABETH BENTLEY

WORLD TOURISTS, INC is presently located in Room 607, 1123 Broadway, New York City, and is engaged in selling steamship tickets and travel service throughout Mexico, Florida, Cuba, and South American points, and its principal activity consists of handling packages being shipped to the USSR.

Confidential Informant T-1 also furnished the following information concerning the USS&S CORPORATION:

As of June 17th, 1943 the following officers of the USS&S CORPORATION were reported:

JOHN H. REYNOLDS	-	President and Treasurer
ELIZABETH BENTLEY	-	Vice President and Secretary, and Acting President
GRACE F. (MRS. JOHN H.) REYNOLDS	-	Vice President

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The Directors consisted of the officers named above and CHARLES S. BANNERMAN.

The USS&S CORPORATION, located at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, was engaged as of June 17th, 1943 in the shipment of packages from the United States to Soviet Russia. It was described as the sole agency for the Tourist Agency of Soviet Russia and collects duties and fees for that government.

Confidential Informant T-2 furnished the following information regarding the banking activities of WORLD TOURISTS, INC. at the Corn Exchange Bank:

<u>Deposits</u>		<u>Balances</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1942		10/10/42	\$ 1,555.08
November	\$ 3,109.90	11/1/42	1,410.87
December	2,625.30	12/1/42	1,955.45
1943			
January	3,758.00	1/1/43	1,461.92
February	4,598.02	2/1/43	2,335.27
March	8,536.97	3/1/43	2,786.09
April	7,476.28	4/1/43	5,850.98
May	4,701.33	5/1/43	2,522.78
June	8,336.88	6/1/43	2,738.62
July	10,544.60	7/1/43	3,260.86
August	8,037.31	8/1/43	7,200.52
September	12,205.16	9/1/43	9,077.23
October	5,788.68	10/1/43	8,309.85
November	14,480.39	11/1/43	7,814.24
December	6,009.23	12/1/43	8,285.15
1944			
January	7,806.45	1/1/44	8,056.52
February	7,217.74	2/1/44	8,093.59
March	9,038.77	3/1/44	5,305.89
April	12,660.12	4/1/44	3,366.31
May	10,046.95	5/1/44	7,843.53
June	14,562.06	6/1/44	9,170.75
July	9,664.77	7/1/44	17,917.70
August	11,895.36	8/1/44	13,570.12
September	9,952.36	9/1/44	10,643.72
October		10/1/44	13,393.63

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The following withdrawals by check were made during the month of September 1944:

Check #	Date	Amount	Payee	Remarks
A 18542	9/1/44	\$ 10.72	Cash	Reimbursing petty cash
A 18540	"	145.00	Harold Const. Corp.	Rent
A 19018	8/19/44	7.69	Isador <del>Saul</del>	Refund on Parcel
A 19000	8/9/44	1.46	Mrs. A. <del>Safor</del>	"
A 18545	9/1/44	122.17	Cash	Payroll for week
A 18541	9/1/44	4.25	Klein-Heimbinder Co.	2 invoices less 1% discount
A 18547	9/5/44	65.80	American Express Co.	Re: O # 4899184, 8263729
A 18546	9/2/44	1.46	J. <del>Sarfinkle</del>	Refund on Parcel
A 18549	9/5/44	14.19	Klein-Heimbinder Co.	Statement
A 18556	9/6/44	1.50	"	1 invoice
A 18561	9/6/44	52.90	American Express Co.	Re: O # 4899185
A 18543	9/1/44	9.57	Inter-City Container Co.	Invoice
A 18587	9/7/44	33.33	Rotograph Co., Inc.	Invoice
A 19023	8/21/44	13.99	Lena <del>Serkowitz</del>	Refund on Parcel
A 18589	9/7/44	477.18	USS&S CORPORATION	Lic. #12226-50
A 18565	"	428.30	"	Lic. #12201-25
A 18586	"	348.16	"	Lic. #12176-12200
A 18570	"	467.20	"	Lic. #12276-12300
A 18544	9/1/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18555	9/5/44	1.00	"	"
A 18539	9/1/44	7.00	"	cc Lic. #7498 & 3825
A 18548	9/5/44	7.00	"	cc Lic. #5976 & 5978
A 18554	9/5/44	10.50	"	cc Lic. etc
A 18558	9/1/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18568	9/7/44	348.89	"	Lic. #12251-75
A 18560	9/6/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18564	9/6/44	534.42	"	Lic. #12151-12175
A 18571	9/7/44	570.00	"	Lic. #12301-25
A 18569	9/6/44	10.00	Arrow Office & Window Cleaning Company	Bill
A 18574	9/9/44	177.43	Cash	Payroll for week
#61	8/22/44	49.25	Samuel <del>Watkin</del>	Refund
A 19011	8/12/44	24.25	Louis <del>Reinstein</del>	"
A 18553	9/5/44	19.25	Louis <del>Simon</del>	"
A 18550	9/5/44	2.00	Crescent Towel Supply Co.	Bill
A 18573	9/9/44	6.15	Klein-Heimbinder Co.	Invoice
A 18578	9/16/44	207.48	Cash	Payroll for Week
A 18563	9/6/44	11.72	Victor <del>Schen</del>	Refund
A 18577	9/2/44	27.90	American Express Co.	Order
A 18561	9/5/44	13.40	Tabert B. <del>Keleman</del>	Refund
A 19022	8/21/44	1.00	E. <del>Nekludova</del>	"

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Check #	Date	Amount	Payee	Remarks
A 18582	9/16/44	\$ 225.00	Joseph <del>Pauli</del>	Accounting
A 18592	9/19/44	25.23	Cash	Petty cash fund
A 18588	9/18/44	655.87	USS&S CORPORATION	Lic. #12326-50
A 18583	9/18/44	108.70	American Express Co.	Re: O # 4899189, etc.
A 18572	9/8/44	5.24	Mrs. A. <del>Telbukor</del>	Refund
A 18589	9/18/44	437.99	USS&S CORPORATION	License
A 18575	9/12/44	73.50	"	"
A 18576	9/12/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18590	9/18/44	7.00	"	cc License
A 18584	9/18/44	1.75	Royal Typewriter Co.	Invoice
A 18586	9/18/44	1.00	NY Telephone Co.	Directory Advertising 9/1/44
A 18586	9/18/44	20.20	Rotograph Co., Inc.	Invoice
A 18594	9/20/44	1.75	Royal Typewriter Co.	Invoice
A 18595	9/20/44	73.73	New Union Press.	Invoice
A 18598	9/21/44	181.36	Cash	Weekly payroll
A 18601	9/22/44	27.90	American Express Co.	Order
A 18596	9/21/44	27.90	"	"
A 18600	9/21/44	3.50	USS&S CORPORATION	cc Lic.
A 18597	9/21/44	450.29	"	License
A 18591	9/19/44	430.78	"	"
A 18562	9/6/44	1.72	Tatiana <del>Paddama</del>	Refund
A 18579	9/16/44	2.99	Philip <del>Cohen</del>	"
A 18587	9/18/44	19.25	Harry <del>Kaplowitz</del>	"
A 18610	9/30/44	9.13	Cash	Petty Cash Fund
A 18599	9/21/44	181.38	Cash	Weekly payroll

During the period of the above withdrawals, the following deposits were

made:

Date	Amount
9/1/44	\$ 210.96
9/5/44	1,250.59
9/6/44	350.61
9/7/44	346.60
9/8/44	164.95
9/11/44	1,463.77
9/12/44	617.84
9/13/44	250.97
9/14/44	283.08
9/16/44	382.72
9/18/44	568.32
9/19/44	488.32
9/20/44	232.57
9/21/44	617.73
9/22/44	212.68

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9/23/44	\$ 407.44
9/25/44	364.87
9/26/44	496.40
9/27/44	570.59
9/28/44	195.07
9/29/44	282.66
9/30/44	193.82
	<u>\$9,952.36</u>

The major portion of the above deposits were made in cash and the balance in checks. Confidential Informant T-2 further advised that the monthly bank statements of WORLD TOURISTS were picked up at the bank personally by either EDITH VILENTZ or E. L. BRAUFELD.

Confidential Informant T-3 furnished the following information regarding the banking activities of the USS&S CORPORATION at the Chase National Bank.

The USS&S CORPORATION has both a regular checking account and a special checking account. The special checking account, opened June 23rd, 1941, has had an average monthly balance of less than \$100. The regular checking account, opened March 4th, 1941, has had the following monthly balances since its opening:

	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>
January	\$ 7,800.	\$ 4,100.	\$ 5,400.	\$11,200.
February		4,100.	4,700.	13,200.
March	7,800.	4,700.	4,200.	13,400.
April	10,400.	8,000.	5,600.	13,000.
May	19,300.	5,900.	7,300.	12,100.
June	23,400.	6,200.	6,600.	11,800.
July	14,500.	7,300.	6,900.	10,400.
August	6,200.	7,100.	--	
September	4,700.	7,100.	5,700.	
October	4,400.	6,500.	8,000.	
November	4,500.	6,500.	9,000.	
December	4,900.	6,100.	10,900.	
Average	8,300.	6,100.	6,200.	12,000.

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Confidential Informant T-3 furnished the following information regarding the transfer of funds to the STATE BANK OF MOSCOW, RUSSIA, for the account of the USSR travel agency, INTOURIST, by the USS&S CORPORATION:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/5/42	\$ 1,700.
7/9/42	2,300.
8/10/42	2,300.
9/9/42	2,400.
10/9/42	1,350.
11/10/42	1,400.
12/10/42	1,000.
1/11/43	800.
2/11/43	1,700.
3/13/43	1,750.
4/15/43	3,630.
5/10/43	3,400.
6/10/43	2,000.
7/12/43	3,600.
8/10/43	5,400.
9/13/43	6,300.
10/9/43	4,300.
11/10/43	6,400.
12/10/43	3,800.
1/10/44	3,600.
2/14/44	4,500.
3/14/44	3,900.
4/10/44	5,400.
5/10/44	4,900.
6/9/44	5,100.
7/13/44	7,800.

A review of the records made available by Confidential Informant T-3 reflected that the monthly average of funds transferred to the STATE BANK, Moscow, Russia, for the account of the USSR travel agency, INTOURIST, for 1943 was \$3,600 and for the first nine months in 1944 was \$5,200.

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TITLE <b>C H A N G E D : WORLD TOURISTS, INC; US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION; JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS, with aliases: John H. Reynolds, J. H. Reynolds, Jack Reynolds; ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, with aliases: Elizabeth T. Bentley, Elizabeth Bentley; MAX L. SPECTOR, alias M. L. Spector</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (R)</b>
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A 18566	"	343.16	"	Lic. #12176-12200
A 18570	"	467.20	"	Lic. #12276-12300
A 18544	9/1/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18555	9/5/44	1.00	"	"
A 18539	9/1/44	7.00	"	cc Lic. #7498 & 3825
A 18548	9/5/44	7.00	"	cc Lic. #5976 & 5978
A 18554	9/5/44	10.50	"	cc Lic. etc
A 18558	9/1/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18568	9/7/44	348.89	"	Lic. #12251-75
A 18560	9/5/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18564	9/6/44	534.42	"	Lic. #12151-12175
A 18571	9/7/44	570.00	"	Lic. #12301-25
A 18559	9/5/44	10.00	Arrow Office & Window Cleaning Company	Bill
A 18574	9/9/44	177.43	Cash	Payroll for week
#61	8/22/44	49.25	Samuel Watkin	Refund
A 19011	8/12/44	24.25	Louis Reinstein	"
A 19553	9/5/44	19.25	Louis Simon	"
A 18550	9/5/44	2.00	Crescent Towel Supply Co.	Bill
A 18573	9/9/44	6.15	Klein-Heimbinder Co.	Invoice
A 18578	9/18/44	207.48	Cash	Payroll for Week
A 18563	9/6/44	11.72	Victor Cohen	Refund
A 18577	9/2/44	27.90	American Express Co.	Order
A 18551	9/5/44	13.40	Tabert B. Keleman	Refund
A 19022	8/21/44	1.00	E. Nekludova	"

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A 18582	9/16/44	\$ 225.00	Joseph Paull	Accounting
A 18592	9/19/44	26.23	Cash	Petty cash fund
A 18588	9/18/44	655.87	USS&S CORPORATION	Lic. #12326-50
A 18583	9/18/44	108.70	American Express Co.	Re: O # 4899189, etc.
A 18572	9/8/44	5.24	Mrs. A. Telbukor	Refund
A 18589	9/18/44	437.99	USS&S CORPORATION	License
A 18575	9/12/44	73.50	"	"
A 18578	9/12/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18590	9/18/44	7.00	"	cc License
A 18584	9/18/44	1.75	Royal Typewriter Co.	Invoice
A 18585	9/18/44	1.00	NY Telephone Co.	Directory Advertising 9/1/44
A 18586	9/18/44	20.20	Rotograph Co., Inc.	Invoice
A 18594	9/20/44	1.75	Royal Typewriter Co.	Invoice
A 18595	9/20/44	73.73	New Union Press.	Invoice
A 18598	9/21/44	181.38	Cash	Weekly payroll
A 18601	9/22/44	27.90	American Express Co.	Order
A 18596	9/21/44	27.90	"	"
A 18600	9/21/44	3.50	USS&S CORPORATION	cc Lic.
A 18597	9/21/44	450.29	"	License
A 18591	9/19/44	430.78	"	"
A 18562	9/6/44	1.72	Tatiana Paddama	Refund
A 18579	9/18/44	2.99	Philip Cohen	"
A 18587	9/18/44	19.25	Harry Kaplowitz	"
A 18610	9/30/44	9.13	Cash	Petty Cash Fund
A 18599	9/21/44	181.38	Cash	Weekly payroll

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9/5/44	1,250.59
9/8/44	350.61
9/7/44	348.60
9/8/44	164.95
9/11/44	1,463.77
9/12/44	617.84
9/13/44	250.97
9/14/44	283.08
9/16/44	382.72
9/18/44	568.32
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9/20/44	232.57
9/21/44	617.73
9/22/44	212.68

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Deposits (Con'd)

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9/23/44	\$ 407.44
9/25/44	364.87
9/26/44	496.40
9/27/44	570.59
9/28/44	195.07
9/29/44	282.66
9/30/44	193.62
	<u>\$9,952.36</u>

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February		4,100.	4,700.	13,200.
March	7,800.	4,700.	4,200.	13,400.
April	10,400.	8,000.	5,600.	13,000.
May	19,300.	5,900.	7,300.	12,100.
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9/9/42	2,400.
10/9/42	1,350.
11/10/42	1,400.
12/10/42	1,000.
1/11/43	800.
2/11/43	1,700.
3/13/43	1,750.
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A 18565	"	428.30	"	Lic. #12201-25
A 18568	"	348.18	"	Lic. #12176-12200
A 18570	"	467.10	"	Lic. #12276-12300
A 18544	9/1/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18555	9/5/44	1.00	"	"
A 18539	9/1/44	7.00	"	cc Lic. #7498 & 3826
A 18548	9/5/44	7.00	"	cc Lic. #5976 & 5978
A 18564	9/5/44	10.50	"	cc Lic. etc
A 18558	9/1/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18566	9/7/44	341.89	"	Lic. #12251-75
A 18560	9/6/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18564	9/6/44	514.42	"	Lic. #12151-12175
A 18571	9/7/44	670.00	"	Lic. #12301-25
A 18559	9/6/44	10.00	Arrow Office & Window Cleaning Company	Bill
A 18574	9/9/44	177.43	Cash	Payroll for week
#61	8/22/44	49.25	Samuel Watkin	Refund
A 19011	8/12/44	24.25	Louis Reinstatein	"
A 18553	9/5/44	19.25	Louis Simon	"
A 18550	9/5/44	2.00	Crescent Towel Supply Co.	Bill
A 18573	9/9/44	5.13	Klein-Heimbinder Co.	Invoice
A 18578	9/16/44	207.48	Cash	Payroll for Week
A 18563	9/6/44	11.72	Victor Cohen	Refund
A 18577	9/2/44	27.90	American Express Co.	Order
A 18561	9/5/44	13.40	Tabert B. Keleman	Refund
A 19022	8/21/44	1.00	E. Nekludova	"

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Check #	Date	Amount	Payee	Remark
A 18582	9/16/44	\$ 225.00	Joseph Sull	Accounting
A 18592	9/19/44	26.23	Cash	Petty cash fund
A 18588	9/18/44	655.87	USSS CORPORATION	Lic. #12323-50
A 18585	9/18/44	108.70	American Express Co.	Re: O # 4899189, etc.
A 18572	9/8/44	5.24	A. Telbukor	Refund
A 18589	9/18/44	437.98	USSS CORPORATION	License
A 18576	9/12/44	73.50	"	"
A 18578	9/12/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18590	9/13/44	7.00	"	cc License
A 18584	9/18/44	1.5	Royal Typewriter Co.	Invoice
A 18586	9/18/44	1.00	NY Telephone Co.	Directory Advertising 9/1/44
A 18596	9/18/44	20.20	Rotograph Co., Inc.	Invoice
A 18554	9/20/44	1.75	Royal Typewriter Co.	Invoice
A 18595	9/20/44	73.73	New Union Press.	Invoice
A 18598	9/21/44	181.38	Cash	Weekly payroll
A 18601	9/22/44	27.90	American Express Co.	Order
A 18596	9/21/44	27.90	"	"
A 18600	9/21/44	3.50	USSS CORPORATION	cc Lic.
A 18597	9/21/44	450.29	"	License
A 18591	9/1/44	450.78	"	"
A 18562	9/1/44	1.72	Tatiana Padama	Refund
A 18579	9/18/44	2.99	Philip Cohen	"
A 18587	9/18/44	19.25	Harry Kaplowitz	"
A 18610	9/30/44	9.13	Cash	Petty Cash Fund
A 18599	9/21/44	181.38	Cash	Weekly payroll

During the period of the above withdrawals, the following deposits were made:

Date	Amount
9/1/44	\$ 210.96
9/5/44	1,250.59
9/8/44	350.61
9/7/44	349.60
9/8/44	164.95
9/11/44	1,483.77
9/12/44	617.84
9/13/44	250.97
9/14/44	283.06
9/16/44	382.72
9/18/44	558.31
9/19/44	488.32
9/20/44	232.57
9/21/44	617.75
9/22/44	212.68



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Deposits (Con'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9/23/44	\$ 407.44
9/25/44	364.87
9/26/44	496.40
9/27/44	570.59
9/28/44	195.07
9/29/44	262.66
9/30/44	193.82
	<u>\$9,952.30</u>

The major portion of the above deposits were made in cash and the balance in checks. Confidential Informant T-2 further advised that the monthly bank statements of WORLD TOURISTS were picked up at the bank personally by either EDITH VILENTZ or E. L. BRAUFIELD.

Confidential Informant T-3 furnished the following information regarding the banking activities of the USSAS CORPORATION at the Chase National Bank.

The USSAS CORPORATION has both a regular checking account and a special checking account. The special checking account, opened June 23rd, 1941, has had an average monthly balance of less than \$100. The regular checking account, opened March 4th, 1941, has had the following monthly balances since its opening:

	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>
January	\$	\$ 4,100.	\$ 5,400.	\$11,200.
February		4,100.	4,700.	13,200.
March	7,800.	4,700.	4,200.	13,400.
April	10,400.	8,000.	5,600.	13,000.
May	19,300.	5,900.	7,300.	12,100.
June	23,400.	6,200.	8,800.	11,800.
July	14,500.	7,300.	6,900.	10,400.
August	6,200.	7,100.	--	
September	4,700.	7,100.	5,700.	
October	4,400.	6,500.	8,000.	
November	4,500.	6,500.	9,000.	
December	4,900.	6,100.	10,900.	
Average	8,300.	6,100.	6,200.	12,000.

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Confidential Informant T-3 furnished the following information regarding the transfer of funds to the STATE BANK OF MOSCOW, RUSSIA, for the account of the USSR travel agency, INTOURIST, by the USS&S CORPORATION:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/5/42	\$ 1,700.
7/9/42	2,300.
8/10/42	2,300.
9/9/42	2,400.
10/9/42	1,350.
11/10/42	1,400.
12/10/42	1,000.
1/11/43	800.
2/11/43	1,700.
3/13/43	1,750.
4/15/43	3,630.
5/10/43	3,400.
6/10/43	2,000.
7/12/43	3,600.
8/10/43	5,400.
9/13/43	5,300.
10/9/43	4,300.
11/10/43	6,400.
12/10/43	3,800.
1/10/44	3,800.
2/14/44	4,500.
3/14/44	3,900.
4/10/44	5,400.
5/10/44	4,900.
6/9/44	5,100.
7/13/44	7,800.

A review of the records made available by Confidential Informant T-3 reflected that the monthly average of funds transferred to the STATE BANK, Moscow, Russia, for the account of the USSR travel agency, INTOURIST, for 1943 was \$3,600 and for the first nine months in 1944 was \$5,200.

Mr. DANIEL LUXENBURG, of Spear and Company, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised that he was no longer real estate agent for the building at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, inasmuch as the building had recently been sold. He advised that the agent for the new owners is OMNIA PROPERTIES, INC., 30 Broad Street, New York City.

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Mr. LUXEMBURG advised that he had no information regarding the present activities of the USSAS CORPORATION, which occupies office space at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, but stated that he knew JOHN H. REYNOLDS and advised that Mr. REYNOLDS is now a major in the United States Army and is believed to be stationed at Staten Island at the present time. He advised that he has seen nothing of a suspicious nature regarding the activities of the USSAS CORPORATION and could furnish no further information.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADSNEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York:-

Will attempt to locate Major JOHN E. REYNOLDS.

Will review the files of the New York Office regarding JOHN E. REYNOLDS and will make inquiry regarding his reliability and reputation, and upon completion, will determine whether or not it would be advisable to interview Major REYNOLDS regarding the activities of the USSAS CORPORATION and WORLD TOURISTS, INC.

Will continue to make inquiry regarding the present activities of the subject organizations.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identity of the confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent Herbert K. Gargas, dated at New York, New York, October 18th, 1944, is as follows:

T-1 (b)(7)(D)

[REDACTED]  
New York City,

kept confidential at their own request.

T-2 (b)(7)(D)

[REDACTED]  
Corn Exchange Bank,  
Fifth Avenue and 20th Street,  
New York City,

kept confidential at his own request.

T-3 (b)(7)(D)

[REDACTED]  
Chase National Bank,  
204 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City,

kept confidential at his own request.

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**ELIZABETH T.**  
**SUBJECT BENTLEY**

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21	11/15/44	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
21	12/13/44	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
22	1/4/45	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	CONDITION - BEST COPY AVAILABLE DOCUMENT IN VERY POOR
22	1/13/45	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
23	1/12/45	LETTER STRICKLAND TO LADD	1	1	
24	1/27/45	MEMO ALDEN TO LADD	1	0	REFERRED
24	2/8/45	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	0	REFERRED
25	3/28/45	REPORT NY TO HQ - w/COPIES	11/22	33	22 N.C.
26	7/12/45	REPORT - NY TO NY - w/COPY	7/14	21	14 N.C.
26	8/14/45	LETTER HQ TO GOV. AGENCY	1	1	
27	7/31/45	LETTER FITCH TO LADD	1	0	REFERRED
27	8/8/45	LETTER HQ TO GOV. AGENCY	2	2	

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31	-	" " "	1	1	65-56402-90X - SILVERMASTER
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33	-	12ATION SKIPPED DURING SERIAL	0	0	
34	-	CHANGED TO MEMO	1	1	65-56402-21 - SILVERMASTER
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36	-	" "	0	0	65-56402-22 - SILVERMASTER
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54	-	" "	1	1	65-56402-26X2 " "
55	-	" "	1	1	65-56402-108X " "
56	-	" "	1	1	65-56402-84X " "
57	-	" "	0	0	65-56402-69X " "
58	-	" "	0	0	65-56402-69X1 " "
59	-	" "	1	1	65-56402-13X " "
60	11/29/46	LETTER STRICKLAND TO LADD	1	1	
61	11/31/46	LABORATORY REPORT	2	2	
62	2/21/46	LETTER TO 3RD AGENCY	7	7	
63	6/24/46	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	

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64	12/16/46	INTERNAL MEMO	3	3	
NR	12/1/46	NEWS ARTICLE	1	1	
65	2/12/47	BLIND MEMO	4	4	CLEAR COPY NOT POSSIBLE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN LAMINATED
66	2/4/47	LETTER HQ TO AG	1	1	
67	2/11/47	LETTER AG TO HQ	1	0	REFERRED
67OUT	3/25/47	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
68	10/8/47	LETTER HQ TO NY	2	0	REFERRED
69	10/21/47	LETTER 3RD PARTY	1	1	
69OUT	10/27/47	LETTER HQ TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
70	11/3/47	LETTER HQ TO NY	2	2	
71	-	CHANGED TO MEMO	1	1	
72	8/2/48	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	

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72X	8/12/48	(R) 3RD. AGENCY DOCUMENT	1	0	REFERRED
73	8/20/48	W/ ENCL. LETTER LADD TO FLETCHER	1/5	1	ENCLOSURE REFERRED
73OUT	8/24/48	LETTER HQ TO WFO	1	0	Referred
74	9/7/48	TELETYPE NY TO HQ	2	2	
74	9/8/48	TELETYPE HQ TO NY	1	1	
75	9/2/48	LETTER LADD TO HOOVER	1	1	
76	9/1/48	TELETYPE NY TO HQ	2	2	
77	9/1/48	LETTER HQ TO WFO	1	1	
78	2/26/53	CHANGED TO MEMO	1	1	134-435-1
79	8/30/48	LETTER AG TO HQ	2	2	
80	8/31/48	LETTER LAUGHLIN TO FLETCHER	1	1	
81	9/3/48	LETTER NY TO HQ	34	34	

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82	8/27/48	LETTER WFO TO HQ	1	1	
83	8/31/48	LETTER HQ TO NY	3	3	
84	8/31/48	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
85	9/1/48	REPORT NH TO HQ	18	0	REFERRED
86	9/2/48	RADIOGRAM	1	1	
87	9/3/48	REPORT WFO TO HQ	30	0	REFERRED
88	9/7/48	LETTER HQ TO AG	1	1	
89	9/9/48	LETTER LADD TO HQ	1	1	
90	9/10/48	LETTER LADD TO WHITSON	1	1	

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 15, 1944

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED;  
U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION;  
JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS, with aliases;  
ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, with aliases;  
MAX L. SPECTOR, with alias.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Herbert K. Garges, dated October 18, 1944 at New York City regarding the above captioned matter.

Information has been received from a highly confidential source, having access to the desk of WILLIAM WEINER in the office of the Workers Library Publications, Incorporated, 832 Broadway, New York City, that all parcel service to the U.S.S.R. is going to be taken over by one agency, namely the INTER-CONTINENTAL PARCEL SERVICE. The information also indicates dissatisfaction with the way this business has been handled by WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED and also indicates a possible fraudulent handling by WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED.

The above information has not as yet been verified. You will be advised of further developments by this office.

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SAC, New York

December 13, 1944

John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED;  
 U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION;  
 JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS, with aliases; et al;  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to your memorandum dated November 15, 1944, in the above entitled matter, reflecting information to the effect that arrangements are being effected for all parcel service to the U.S.S.R. to be taken over by one agency, namely the Inter-Continental Parcel Service because of dissatisfaction with the way this business has been handled by World Tourists, Incorporated.

In this connection, you are informed that your office upon consummation of such arrangements as aforementioned should undertake a discreet preliminary investigation concerning the background and activities of the Inter-Continental Parcel Service and also determine the identity and background of its officials.

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In addition, a modest advertising campaign would be outlined covering the foreign language press and certain trade union papers.

We undertake to establish a warehouse where all the necessary merchandise would be stocked. Here, parcels would be packed and shipped. Only standard brands of articles would be carried (with very few exceptions) - so that the public would readily see that the prices charged are modest and correct.

Since purchases by us would be made on a wholesale basis, we would naturally be in a position to effect savings, which would be shared by the sender. We might point out that the present system of figuring insurance on parcels, is out of all proportion. For instance, the U.T. circular, lists "War Risk Ins." - 43% (optional), while the actual insurance rate is about 15%.

Due to existing restrictions certain items cannot be shipped out of this country, however, with the gradual lifting of restrictions, additional parcels will be announced, or included in our catalogue. The office would receive all mail orders and correspond with the public. In this office there will be a large sales room, where complete samples of all standard parcels would be on display and direct orders taken. This office should be adjoining the warehouse for the sake of efficiency and economy.

We undertake to pay all the expenses of the office and warehouse, as well as everything else connected with the proper organization of this enterprise, and pay you 50% of the profits.

It is our belief that the organization of the parcel business in accordance with our plan, will enable us to properly serve thousands of senders in the USA and other countries in the Americas. Persons outside of the U.S. are at present obliged to order parcels through certain countries such as Iran or Turkey, entailing cumbersome difficulties.

Confidential Informant T-1 also furnished a copy of the following memorandum signed by "H.R.":

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PARCELS TO THE U.S.S.R.

1. The past as well as the present handling of parcels to the S. U. is, in my opinion, entirely inadequate and unsatisfactory from many angles.

Firstly: - the existing method contains loopholes whereby the sender can "get away" with paying less duty on articles by presenting fictitious bills.

Secondly: - it is cumbersome physically - the sender is required to purchase the articles, to bring them to the office and go through the procedure of calculation, weighing, etc.

Thirdly: - senders outside of New York City are handicapped additionally in many respects, which are well known.

My proposal briefly, is to simplify the whole procedure and to systematize the sending of parcels whereby people all over the continent will find it easy and simple and will therefore really be able to help their relatives and friends who will be in need of help for some time to come.

I furthermore feel that if the following plan were outlined to the proper Soviet authorities, it would be accepted without any trouble.

11. From personal experience, I know that persons on this continent, with few exceptions, send standard articles, which could be listed in about 30-40 categories.

My proposal is, to establish a warehouse, at first on a modest basis and then to increase it gradually, to include an ever greater number of articles concerned; to publish a booklet, the first issue to be in about 50,000 copies, describing this new procedure and listing about 20 kinds of parcels, these to

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be divided into clothes, food, etc. All wearing apparel like underwear, socks, stockings, shoes, shirts, etc. are to be of a well-known national brand, with stable prices. Yard goods, whether cotton, rayon or wool, are to be of a minimum number of qualities, colors, likewise, etc. All these articles are to be duly described in the booklet. Suitings and coatings shall also be included, as well as such incidentals as needles, thread, linings and buttons.

Food parcels present no problem, since all items are to be of a standard brand.

Example: Parcel No. 10

3-1/2 yds. all wool cloth man's suit at \$3.00 .....	\$10.50
Quality ..... Color .....	
Lining, strong rayon, 2-1/2 yds. at \$1.00.....	2.50
Needles, buttons .....	.35
1 pr. Men's Shoes, Size 9-1/2, "Tom McCann" .....	4.40
2 Cotton Unionsuits, Size 42 at \$1.75 .....	3.50
Total Merchandise .....	21.25
Duty .....	16.45
License .....	1.50
Shipping and Insurance .....	3.00
Miscellaneous (service) .....	1.00
Total .....	<u>43.20</u>

Example: Parcel No. 15

5 lbs. Sugar .....	\$ .50
2 " Coffee .....	.60
2 " Rice .....	.20
1 " Tea .....	1.40
2 " Matzo's .....	.30
	<u>3.00</u>
Duty .....	1.00
License .....	1.50
Shipping, Insurance....	2.50
Misc. (service).....	1.00
TOTAL .....	<u>\$ 9.00</u>

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"III.

The adoption of the above plan will enable banks, landmanschaften, travel agents, etc. to handle parcels to the S.U. in the same manner as handling money drafts and transfers. Their fee is to be \$1.00 on parcels up to \$50. and \$1.50 on parcels over that amount.

It is, of course, obvious, that the greatest proportion of parcels would be handled directly.

People in Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Argentine, as well as in all other countries in South America, could be serviced, since all orders would be specified by number, as described in the folder or catalog.

The Office would daily, upon receipt of money (checks or money order) prepare the license, labels and forward same to the warehouse, accompanied by a "certain" form (this form to be outlined.)

The warehouse would fill the orders, check and pack and paste on the labels.

Everything is to be standardized.

A part of this "certain" form, is to be returned to the office after the order will have been filled. The office will then correspond with the sender, banks, etc. as at present.

/s/ H. R.

Confidential Informant T-2 furnished a copy of a memorandum regarding the "Matter of Raisin (J. N. Golos)". GOLOS, who is now deceased, was formerly president of WORLD TOURISTS INCORPORATED. The following are excerpts from this memorandum:

Raisin, a native of Russia, was naturalized in the United States in 1915. He commenced to live with Gelia Raisin in or about 1918. A child, Milton, was born on March 17, 1923 in the United States. Raisin with his wife and child traveled on an American passport to the Soviet Union in 1924. The wife

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 4, 1945

FROM : SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED  
 U. S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION;  
 JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS, with aliases;  
 ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, with aliases;  
 MAX L. ASPECTOR; with aliases;  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Herbert E. Garges dated October 18, 1944 at New York in the above-captioned matter.

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A review of the files of the New York Office fails to reflect Communist or un-American activities on the part of REYNOLDS. He enjoys a reputation and presently is on active duty with the United States Army in Finance Division, holding the rank of Major. It has been ascertained that he is presently located in New York City in this capacity.

It is requested that the Bureau files be reviewed regarding JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS and this office be advised of any derogatory information contained therein.

It is the opinion of this office that a great amount of valuable information could be obtained by interviewing REYNOLDS. Unless advised to the contrary, REYNOLDS will be interviewed on or about February 1, 1945. Proper clearance with Army authorities will be made.

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED;  
U. S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION;  
JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS, with aliases; et al;  
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 4, 1945, in the above entitled matter informing that your office contemplates interviewing John Hazard Reynolds, President of the U. S. Service & Shipping Corporation in the event the Bureau does not interpose any objections prior to February 1, 1945.

Mr. Tolson..... In this connection you are informed that the Bureau files indicate  
Mr. E. A. Tamm..... that on two different occasions during 1941, the Amtorg Trading Corporation  
Mr. Clegg..... made inquiries of Dun and Bradstreet concerning John Hazard Reynolds. These  
Mr. Glavin..... inquiries were made at the time the German-Russian Non-Aggression Pact was in  
Mr. Ladd..... existence. If your office contemplates interviewing this individual merely  
Mr. Nichols..... for the purpose of obtaining additional information with regard to the above-  
Mr. Rosen..... entitled organizations only, it is the opinion of the Bureau that this interview  
Mr. Tracy..... is not warranted at the present time because to do so will probably indicate  
Mr. Carson..... to Reynolds that this Bureau has been investigating the activities of his or-  
Mr. Coffey..... ganization. However, the Bureau is directing a letter to G-2 at Washington,  
Mr. Hendon..... D. C., for the purpose of obtaining any additional data with regard to Reynolds  
Mr. McGuire..... which might be in their files. Your office will be accordingly advised.

Mr. Mumford.....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....  
Mr. Nease.....  
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TO

MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: January 12, 1945

FROM : J. C. STRICKLAND

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This is your additional guarantee that your parcel has reached its destination safely and exactly as you ordered.

Should you desire to send any items not listed in our catalogue write us about it, giving specific information as to what is desired. We will advise you, within 48 hours, whether it is permissible to ship the article and submit prices and other pertinent information.

Confidential Informant T-1 also furnished the following plan for the reorganization of the parcel shipment business:

#### P L A N

Supplementing memorandum submitted to you in February, we are attaching herewith the draft of a folder or catalogue outlining procedure and listing - standard parcels. The plan is to mail out about 50,000 copies of the folder to:

- a) Previous sends of parcels
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- c) Banks, travel agencies, etc.

A form letter would accompany the folder, explaining the new setup briefly and point out the service these organizations would be rendering their members and clients by recommending our standard parcels. A standard commission fee of about \$1.50 to \$2.50 per parcel would be paid to banks, agents, etc.

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" In addition, a modest advertising campaign would be outlined covering the foreign language press and certain trade union papers.

We undertake to establish a warehouse where all the necessary merchandise would be stocked. Here, parcels would be packed and shipped. Only standard brands of articles would be carried (with very few exceptions) - so that the public would readily see that the prices charged are modest and correct.

Since purchases by us would be made on a wholesale basis, we would naturally be in a position to effect savings, which would be shared by the sender. We might point out that the present system of figuring insurance on parcels, is out of all proportion. For instance, the W.T. circular, lists "War Risk Ins." - 43% (optional), while the actual insurance rate is about 15%.

Due to existing restrictions certain items cannot be shipped out of this country, however, with the gradual lifting of restrictions, additional parcels will be announced, or included in our catalogue. The office would receive all mail orders and correspond with the public. In this office there will be a large sales room, where complete samples of all standard parcels would be on display and direct orders taken. This office should be adjoining the warehouse for the sake of efficiency and economy.

We undertake to pay all the expenses of the office and warehouse, as well as everything else connected with the proper organization of this enterprise, and pay you 50% of the profits.

It is our belief that the organization of the parcel business in accordance with our plan, will enable us to properly serve thousands of senders in the USA and other countries in the Americas. Persons outside of the U.S. are at present obliged to order parcels through certain countries such as Iran or Turkey, entailing cumbersome difficulties. "

Confidential Informant T-1 also furnished a copy of the following memorandum signed by "H.R.":



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PARCELS TO THE U.S.S.R.

1. The past as well as the present handling of parcels to the S. U. is, in my opinion, entirely inadequate and unsatisfactory from many angles.

Firstly: - the existing method contains loopholes whereby the sender can "get away" with paying less duty on articles by presenting fictitious bills.

Secondly: - it is cumbersome physically - the sender is required to purchase the articles, to bring them to the office and go through the procedure of calculation, weighing, etc.

Thirdly: - senders outside of New York City are handicapped additionally in many respects, which are well known.

My proposal briefly, is to simplify the whole procedure and to systematize the sending of parcels whereby people all over the continent will find it easy and simple and will therefore really be able to help their relatives and friends who will be in need of help for some time to come.

I furthermore feel that if the following plan were outlined to the proper Soviet authorities, it would be accepted without any trouble.

11. From personal experience, I know that persons on this continent, with few exceptions, send standard articles, which could be listed in about 30-40 categories.

My proposal is, to establish a warehouse, at first on a modest basis and then to increase it gradually, to include an ever greater number of articles concerned; to publish a booklet, the first issue to be in about 50,000 copies, describing this new procedure and listing about 20 kinds of parcels, these to

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" be divided into clothes, food, etc. All wearing apparel like underwear, socks, stockings, shoes, shirts, etc. are to be of a well-known national brand, with stable prices, Yard goods, whether cotton, rayon or wool, are to be of a minimum number of qualities, colors, likewise, etc. All these articles are to be duly described in the booklet. Suitings and coatings shall also be included, as well as such incidentals as needles, thread, linings and buttons.

Food parcels present no problem, since all items are to be of a standard brand.

Example: Parcel No. 10

3-1/2 yds. all wool cloth man's suit at \$3.00 .....	\$10.50
Quality ..... Color .....	
Lining, strong rayon, 2-1/2 yds. at \$1.00.....	2.50
Needles, buttons .....	.35
1 pr. Men's Shoes, Size 9-1/2, "Tom McGann" .....	4.40
2 Cotton Unionsuits, Size 42 at \$1.75 .....	3.50
Total Merchandise .....	21.25
Duty .....	16.45
License .....	1.50
Shipping and Insurance .....	3.00
Miscellaneous (service) .....	1.00
Total .....	<u>43.20</u>

Example: Parcel No. 15

5 lbs. Sugar .....	\$ .50
2 " Coffee .....	.60
2 " Rice .....	.20
1 " Tea .....	1.40
2 " Matzohs .....	.30
	3.00
Duty .....	1.00
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TOTAL .....	<u>\$ 9.00</u>

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"III.

The adoption of the above plan will enable banks, landsmanschaften, travel agents, etc. to handle parcels to the S.U. in the same manner as handling money drafts and transfers. Their fee is to be \$1.00 on parcels up to \$50. and \$1.50 on parcels over that amount.

It is, of course, obvious, that the greatest proportion of parcels would be handled directly.

People in Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Argentina, as well as in all other countries in South America, could be serviced, since all orders would be specified by number, as described in the folder or catalog.

The Office would daily, upon receipt of money (checks or money order) prepare the license, labels and forward same to the warehouse, accompanied by a "certain" form (this form to be outlined.)

The warehouse would fill the orders, check and pack and paste on the labels.

Everything is to be standardized.

A part of this "certain" form, is to be returned to the office after the order will have been filled. The office will then correspond with the sender, banks, etc. as at present.

/s/ H. R.

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There are no packing charges. Today, due to the various government regulations, not everything you wish to send can be shipped. These regulations change from time to time, and as the restrictions are lifted more and more items will be permitted to be shipped out of the US/.

We will, therefore, add such items to our catalogue

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of standard parcels, as soon as possible.

The standard parcels listed are based on the needs of the persons in the U.S.S.R.

Use the order blank attached. Send in your order for parcels you select - and know that we will ship exactly what you ordered. A duplicate of your order will be enclosed with each parcel - so that the recipient will know exactly, through your advice, what he is to receive.

This is your additional guarantee that your parcel has reached its destination safely and exactly as you ordered.

Should you desire to send any items not listed in our catalogue write us about it, giving specific information as to what is desired. We will advise you, within 48 hours, whether it is permissible to ship the article and submit prices and other pertinent information.

Confidential Informant T-1 also furnished the following plan for the reorganization of the parcel shipment business:

#### P L A N

Supplementing memorandum submitted to you in February,, we are attaching herewith the draft of a folder or catalogue outlining procedure and listing - standard parcels. The plan is to mail out about 50,000 copies of the folder to:

- a) Previous senders of parcels
- b) Landsmanschaften
- c) Banks, travel agencies, etc.

A form letter would accompany the folder, explaining the new setup briefly and point out the service these organizations would be rendering their members and clients by recommending our standard parcels. A standard commission fee of about \$1.50 to \$2.50 per parcel would be paid to banks, agents, etc.

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In addition, a modest advertising campaign would be outlined covering the foreign language press and certain trade union papers.

We undertake to establish a warehouse where all the necessary merchandise would be stocked. Here, parcels would be packed and shipped. Only standard brands of articles would be carried (with very few exceptions) - so that the public would readily see that the prices charged are modest and correct.

Since purchases by us would be made on a wholesale basis, we would naturally be in a position to effect savings, which would be shared by the sender. We might point out that the present system of figuring insurance on parcels, is out of all proportion. For instance, the U.T. circular, lists "War Risk Ins." - 43% (optional), while the actual insurance rate is about 15%.

Due to existing restrictions certain items cannot be shipped out of this country, however, with the gradual lifting of restrictions, additional parcels will be announced, or included in our catalogue. The office would receive all mail orders and correspond with the public. In this office there will be a large sales room, where complete samples of all standard parcels would be on display and direct orders taken. This office should be adjoining the warehouse for the sake of efficiency and economy.

We undertake to pay all the expenses of the office and warehouse, as well as everything else connected with the proper organization of this enterprise, and pay you 50% of the profits.

It is our belief that the organization of the parcel business in accordance with our plan, will enable us to properly serve thousands of senders in the USA and other countries in the Americas. Persons outside of the U.S. are at present obliged to order parcels through certain countries such as Iran or Turkey, entailing cumbersome difficulties.

Confidential Informant T-1 also furnished a copy of the following memorandum signed by "H.R.":

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PARCELS TO THE U.S.S.R.

1. The past as well as the present handling of parcels to the S. U. is, in my opinion, entirely inadequate and unsatisfactory from many angles.

Firstly: - the existing method contains loopholes whereby the sender can "get away" with paying less duty on articles by presenting fictitious bills.

Secondly: - it is cumbersome physically - the sender is required to purchase the articles, to bring them to the office and go through the procedure of calculation, weighing, etc.

Thirdly: - senders outside of New York City are handicapped additionally in many respects, which are well known.

My proposal briefly, is to simplify the whole procedure and to systematize the sending of parcels whereby people all over the continent will find it easy and simple and will therefore really be able to help their relatives and friends who will be in need of help for some time to come.

I furthermore feel that if the following plan were outlined to the proper Soviet authorities, it would be accepted without any trouble.

11. From personal experience, I know that persons on this continent, with few exceptions, send standard articles, which could be listed in about 30-40 categories.

My proposal is, to establish a warehouse, at first on a modest basis and then to increase it gradually, to include an ever greater number of articles concerned; to publish a booklet, the first issue to be in about 50,000 copies, describing this new procedure and listing about 20 kinds of parcels, these to

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be divided into clothes, food, etc. All wearing apparel like underwear, socks, stockings, shoes, shirts, etc. are to be of a well-known national brand, with stable prices, Yard goods, whether cotton, rayon or wool, are to be of a minimum number of qualities, colors, likewise, etc. All these articles are to be duly described in the booklet. Suitings and coatings shall also be included, as well as such incidentals as needles, thread, linings and buttons.

Food parcels present no problem, since all items are to be of a standard brand.

Example: Parcel No. 10

3-1/2 yds. all wool cloth men's suit at \$3.00 .....	\$10.50
Quality .....	Color .....
Lining, strong rayon, 2-1/2 yds. at \$1.00.....	2.50
Needles, buttons .....	.35
1 pr. Men's Shoes, Size 9-1/2, "Tom McCall" .....	4.40
2 Cotton Unionsuits, Size 42 at \$1.75 .....	3.50
Total Merchandise .....	21.25
Duty .....	16.45
License .....	1.50
Shipping and Insurance .....	3.00
Miscellaneous (service) .....	1.00
Total .....	<u>743.20</u>

Example: Parcel No. 15

5 lbs. Sugar .....	\$ .50
2 " Coffee .....	.60
2 " Rice .....	.20
1 " Tea .....	1.40
2 " Matzohs .....	.30
	3.00
Duty .....	1.00
License .....	1.50
Shipping, Insurance....	2.50
Misc. (service).....	1.00
TOTAL .....	<u>\$ 9.00</u>



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"11.

The adoption of the above plan will enable banks, landmanschaften, travel agents, etc. to handle parcels to the S.U. in the same manner as handling money drafts and transfers. Their fee is to be \$1.00 on parcels up to \$50. and \$1.50 on parcels over that amount.

It is, of course, obvious, that the greatest proportion of parcels would be handled directly.

People in Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Argentine, as well as in all other countries in South America, could be serviced, since all orders would be specified by number, as described in the folder or catalog.

The Office would daily, upon receipt of money (checks or money order) prepare the license; labels and forward same to the warehouse, accompanied by a "certain" form (this form to be outlined.)

The warehouse would fill the orders, check and pack and paste on the labels.

Everything is to be standardized.

A part of this "certain" form, is to be returned to the office after the order will have been filled. The office will then correspond with the sender, banks, etc. as at present.

/s/ R. R.

Confidential Informant T-2 furnished a copy of a memorandum regarding the "Matter of Raisin (J. N. Golos)". GOLOS, who is now deceased, was formerly president of WORLD TOURISTS INCORPORATED. The following are excerpts from this memorandum:

Raisin, a native of Russia, was naturalized in the United States in 1915. He commenced to live with Celis Raisin in or about 1916. A child, Wilton, was born on March 17, 1923 in the United States. Raisin with his wife and child traveled on an American passport to the Soviet Union in 1924. The wife

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and son went to the Soviet Union in 1936 and remained there continuously ever since. The son is serving in the military service of the USSR and is at present wounded and hors-de-combat, his address unknown to us. The last known address of Mrs. Raisin is Moscow, Speridonovskaya 22/2, Apt. 161.

The nationality of Mrs. Raisin is thus an issue. Her continued residence abroad would have forfeited her American citizenship unless such residence was on account of ill health. Cables received in 1941 and 1942, we are informed, indicated that Mrs. Raisin was in ill-health.

The estate will consist of 30 shares of stock in World Tourists, Inc., and some articles of personal property consisting of items of furniture and some books now stored in a warehouse. It is to be borne in mind that the Bowery Savings Bank account (\$4519.17) and the U.S. War Bonds (\$3,000 face amount), although nominally property of the deceased are and have been listed as assets in the corporation balance sheets.

The corporation continues to function since it was an entity separate and apart from the deceased. By-laws usually provided for the filling of a vacancy caused by death in the Board of Directors by a vote of the majority of the remaining Directors. The successor Director holds office for the unexpired portion of office of the deceased Director until the election of a successor at a meeting of the stockholders. A vacancy among the corporate officers may likewise be filled until the next regular election.

In the absence of misappropriation, waste or other misfeasance no responsibility would attend the officers and directors of the corporation who have been functioning or who will continue to function in the corporation.

A review of the files in the New York Office and contact with confidential informants have failed to establish the fact that the INTERCONTINENT PARCEL SERVICE ever actually came into being. It has been

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determined that individuals who contact the Russian Consulate here in New York, regarding the sending of parcels to Russia, are advised to contact the U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION who would handle it for them. No information has been received that WORLD TOURISTS INCORPORATED has been replaced by another organization.

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INTERVIEWED LEADS

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At New York City:

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T-2

Highly confidential and reliable source having knowledge of the affairs of New Century Publishers, Inc., JOSEPH FIELDS and WILLIAM WEINER at their offices located at 832 Broadway, New York City and reporting on February 17, 1945 to Special Agents William F. Norton, Joseph J. Shelan and R. C. Carden.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 97-13 m.e.s.

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 3-12-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/22, 23; 4/9, 23, 26; 5/4, 21, 25; 6/11, 15/45	REPORT MADE BY EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
TITLE WORLD TOURISTS, INC.; U.S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORP.; JOHN REYNOLDS, was.; ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, was.; MAX L. SPECTOR, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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**REFERENCE:**

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**DETAILS:**

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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EXHIBIT "A"  
WORLD TOURISTS, INC.

BALANCE SHEET

FEBRUARY 28, 1945

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash-Corn Exchange Bank	\$15,652.91	
-Chase National Bank (IN Trust for Transatlantic Passenger Conference Lines -for Convenience)	210.00	
-Bank for Foreign Trade	7.80	
Total Cash in Banks		\$15,870.71
Cash on Hand		740.24
Cash & U.S. Defense Bonds- (Held by Sol. H. Cohn, Esq.)		6,269.17
Advances Receivable:-	* \$ 358.96	
*Estate of Jacob Golos		
Refund of Money Transfer	102.90	
Total Advances Receivable		461.86
Total Current Assets		\$23,341.98

FIXED ASSETS

Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 2,035.24	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	1,593.10	
Book Value		492.14

OTHER ASSETS

Account Receivable	\$ 1,206.96	
Typewriters (6) -Held for Clients	240.00	
Total Other Assets		1,446.96

TOTAL ASSETS

\$25,281.08

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(Balance Sheet continued)

LIABILITIES & CAPITAL  
CURRENT LIABILITIES

Due U. S. Service shipping Corporation	\$6,626.05	
Due Clients for Advances on Parcel Shipments	1,910.01	
Due Clients for Advances on Money Transfers	30.00	
Due Clients for Deposits on Cruises-Old	862.59	
Due for advertising	598.00	
Social Security & Withholding Taxes Payable	386.66	
Accrued Federal Income Taxes -to		
February 28, 1945	1,776.11	
Accrued Expenses Payable	200.00	
Total Liabilities		\$12,389.42

CAPITAL & SURPLUS

Capital Stock Issued (30 shares)	\$3,000.00		
Paid in Capital	2,000.00		
Total Capital			5,000.00
Surplus -January 1, 1945	7,096.89		
Profit for the two months			
Ending February 28, 1945-			
(Exhibit "B")	\$1,059.70		
Less: Federal Income Taxes			
for the Period	264.93	794.77	
Surplus-February 28, 1945			7,891.66
Total Capital and Surplus			12,891.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES, CAPITAL & SURPLUS			\$25,281.08



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EXHIBIT "B"

WORLD TOURISTS, INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME, PROFIT & LOSS FOR THE

TWO MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1945

INCOME

Income from Parcel Shipments	\$4,444.69	
Income from Transfers of Money and Changes of Addresses	<u>32.84</u>	
Total Income		\$4,477.53

OPERATING EXPENSES

Officer's Salary	\$ 416.68	
Office Salaries	1,455.13	
Office Rent	290.00	
Shipping Supplies	522.70	
Stationery & Printing	228.60	
Professional Fees	200.00	
Postage	65.35	
Telephone	43.97	
Office Expenses	70.02	
Miscellaneous Expenses	8.01	
Advertising	2.00	
Taxes:-		
New York State Unemployment Insurance	\$50.54	
Federal Unemployment Insurance	5.61	
Federal Old Age Benefits	<u>18.72</u>	74.87
Depreciation of Furniture & Fixtures		<u>40.50</u>
Total Operating Expenses		<u>\$3,417.83</u>

NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD (SUBJECT TO TAXES)

\$1,059.70

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A review of the files of the New York Office fail to reflect any indication of INTERCONTINENT PARCEL SERVICE being continued as successor to WORLD TOURISTS, INC. for the handling of parcel shipments to USSR.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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T2:

[REDACTED] office building at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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BALANCE SHEET

FEBRUARY 28, 1945

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CURRENT ASSETS

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Total Current Assets		\$23,341.98

FIXED ASSETS

Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 2,085.24	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	1,593.10	
Book Value		492.14

OTHER ASSETS

Account Receivable	\$ 1,208.96	
Typewriters (6) -Held for Clients	240.00	
Total Other Assets		1,448.96

TOTAL ASSETS

\$25,281.03

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LIABILITIES & CAPITAL

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Social Security & Withholding Taxes Payable	386.66
Accrued Federal Income Taxes -to	
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Accrued Expenses Payable	200.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$12,389.42</b>

CAPITAL & SURPLUS

Capital Stock Issued (30 shares)	\$3,000.00	
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Postage	65.35
Telephones	43.97
Office Expenses	70.02
Miscellaneous Expenses	8.01
Advertising	2.00

Taxes:-

New York State Unemployment Insurance	850.54	
Federal Unemployment Insurance	5.61	
Federal Old Age Benefits	<u>12.72</u>	74.87
Depreciation of Furniture & Fixtures		<u>40.50</u>

Total Operating Expenses

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NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD (SUBJECT TO TAXES)

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Paid in Capital	2,000.00	
Total Capital		5,000.00
Surplus -January 1, 1945	7,096.89	
Profit for the two months		
Ending February 28, 1945-		
(Exhibit "B")	1,059.70	
Less: Federal Income Taxes		
for the Period	264.93	794.77
Surplus-February 28, 1945		7,891.66
Total Capital and Surplus		12,891.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES, CAPITAL & SURPLUS		325,281.08

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EXHIBIT "B"

WORLD TOURISTS, INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME, PROFIT & LOSS FOR THE

TWO MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1945

INCOME

Income from Parcel Shipments	\$4,444.69
Income from Transfers of Money and Changes of Addresses.	<u>32.84</u>

Total Income

\$4,477.53

OPERATING EXPENSES

Officer's Salary	\$ 416.69
Office Salaries	1,455.13
Office Rent	290.00
Shipping Supplies	522.70
Stationery & Printing	228.60
Professional Fees	200.00
Postage	65.35
Telephone	43.97
Office Expenses	70.02
Miscellaneous Expenses	8.01
Advertising	2.00

Taxes:-

New York State Unemployment Insurance	\$50.54	
Federal Unemployment Insurance	3.61	
Federal Old Age Benefits	<u>18.72</u>	74.87
Depreciation of Furniture & Fixtures		<u>40.50</u>

Total Operating Expenses

\$3,417.83

NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD (SUBJECT TO TAXES)

\$1,059.70

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The Statement of Income, Profit & Loss for the two months ending February 28, 1945 of the WORLD TOURISTS, INC. set out hereinbefore was also furnished this office by Confidential Informant T1.

Confidential Informant T2 advised that the U.S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORP. continues to maintain its office at 212 Fifth Avenue and presently is engaged in obtaining export license and handling shipments of packages to Russia.

Confidential Informant T2 also advised the party who appears to be in complete charge of operations of this business is ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, an officer of the company.

This informant advised that few visitors are seen entering in and out of U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORP. office and it is his belief that most of their business is conducted by telephone and through the mail. Confidential Informant advised the president of the company, JOHN H. REYNOLDS, is presently a Major in the United States Army.

A review of the files of the New York Office fail to reflect any indication of INTERCONTINENT PARCEL SERVICE being continued as successor to WORLD TOURISTS, INC. for the handling of parcel shipments to USSR.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the subject organization.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent Edward W. Buckley dated July 12, 1945 at New York, New York are as follows:

T1: A highly confidential source having access to the offices of the New Century Publishers Company, 834 Broadway, New York and reporting to Special Agents G. Earl Jennings, William D. Dunne, William F. Norton, Jr., John F. Hicks.

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T2: [REDACTED] office building at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

GEA:WMJ

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: August 14, 1945

To: Mr. Frederick B. Lyon  
Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation  
State Department  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT

Reference is made to my letter dated August 8, 1945, in the above-captioned matter forwarding copies of pertinent reports relative to the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation.

There is attached for your information and for the completion of your files one copy of the report of Special Agent Edward W. Buckley dated at New York City on July 12, 1945, in the case entitled, "World Tourists, Inc.; U. S. Service and Shipping Corp.; John Reynolds, was; Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, was; Max L. Spector, was; Internal Security - R."

Enclosure

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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Date: August 8, 1945

EX-27  
To: Mr. Frederick B. Lyon  
Chief  
Division of Foreign Activity Correlation  
State Department  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT

There are attached copies of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent J. E. Prater dated at New York, New York, February 19, 1942.

Report of Special Agent Herbert K. Garges dated at New York, New York, October 18, 1944.

Report of Special Agent Louis Loeb dated at Washington, D. C., November 16, 1944.

Report of Special Agent Herbert K. Garges dated at New York, New York, March 28, 1945.

In addition to the information contained in these reports relative to the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, it might be noted that the most recent information available indicates their business is conducted principally by telephone and through the mail. The President of the company, John H. Reynolds, is now a Major assigned to the Finance Department of the United States Army. He is presently believed to be located in New York City. He is known to be a contact of the New York Soviet Consulate and in 1942 he represented a group of men who wanted to give money to the Red Army for defense supplies. These individuals did not want the money to pass through the Russian War Relief and Reynolds made arrangements for the money to be given directly to the Consulate.

There is some indication at the present time that the Soviet Government will remove the exclusive license previously held by the U. S. Shipping and Service Corporation and grant similar licenses to other individuals in the New York area. No definite information is available relative to this matter at the present time other than the fact that such a move is being contemplated. One of the reasons advanced for

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such a change was the fact that the name of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation implies that it is an American organization. No information has ever been received in the past, however, to the effect that they have attempted to imply official United States sponsorship of the corporation.

During the early part of 1941 the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation had several representatives acting for them in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois. These individuals were Maurice M. Zusser, Central Parcel Service, Roosevelt Road and Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois; Union Shipments Agency, 3700 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois; and Max Gosewitz, 3212 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois. No additional information is available indicating that they are presently using other agents.

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## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO :

Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM :

J. C. Strickland

SUBJECT :

UNITED STATES SERVICE AND SHIPPING, INC.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: January 29, 1946

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Beahm	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

At 5:25 P. M., January 28, 1946, Supervisor Dooley of the New York Office phoned and advised that Nelson Frank of the New York Office had just informed Special Agent Marchessault of the New York Office that very probably an article would appear under Woltman's by-line in the World Telegram for January 29, 1946, on the shipment of food and clothing packages to the Soviet Union by the United States Service and Shipping, Inc., and by World Tourists, which food and clothing packages are subject to high duty in the Soviet Union.

**ACTION:** Dooley was instructed to furnish the Bureau with the text of the article immediately upon its appearance.

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TO: SAC: New York

January 31, 1946

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 8, 1946.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: JACOB N. GOLOS,  
with aliases;  
ALTO CASE

Examination requested by: New York

Your File No. 100-31551  
FBI File No. 65-43302  
Lab No. D-47226 CY

Reference: Letter dated January 5, 1946

Examination requested: Document

- Qc7581 67 photostats from Exhibit 1A1, taken from the New York File of World Tourist, 97-13.
- Qc7582 23 photostatic copies of correspondence taken from the New York File of World Tourist, 97-13, Exhibit 1A6.
- Qc7583 39 photostatic copies of press lists, releases, etc. taken from New York file of World Tourist, 97-13 Exhibit 1A9.
- Qc7584 Exhibit 1A10, 97-13 - Miscellaneous, of Interest, - 48 photostatic copies taken from the New York File of World Tourist.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It is concluded that none of the typewriters that was used to prepare the typewritten letters contained in specimens Qc7581 through Qc7584 was used to prepare any of the letters bearing secret ink messages that have been examined in the Laboratory in this case.

cc- New York Enclosure Registered Mail  
Laboratory

Communications Section  
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The handwriting specimens Qc758 through Qc759 was compared with the secret ink messages previously examined in connection with this case without effecting an identification.

In accordance with your request, specimens Qc7581 through Qc7584 are being returned to your office herewith. Photographic copies of these specimens have not been made and if a future examination is desired it will be necessary to resubmit them to the Laboratory.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: February 21, 1946

67-6328-62  
Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS

Referring to our recent conversation, at which time I furnished you with information relating to the Soviet espionage activities of William Ludwig Ullmann, I thought you might be interested in the attached memorandum concerning John Hazard Reynolds, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Finance Department of the United States Army, who is also involved in this same activity and who has been reported to be presently in line to receive the Legion of Merit award.

Enclosure

*Delivered to Vandenberg  
2/27/46*

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February 21, 1946

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS

Allegations of Gregory

Gregory has advised that Colonel John Hazard Reynolds has had numerous conversations with Gregory and through a close association with him Gregory determined that he is the son of an old Long Island, New York, family and that his father was a New York Supreme Court Judge. Reynolds came into a considerable inheritance upon the death of his Grandfather early in 1930. He did not complete college but as a young boy entered Wall Street and had numerous jobs in the financial district of New York. At a later date he became a member of the New York Stock Exchange. During the First World War he entered the Armed Services as a Private and at the termination of the war, held the rank of Major. Subsequent to World War I, he married Grace Fleischman of a prominent New York family, whose father was the owner of the Fleischman Yeast Corporation. Reynolds became associated with the Chase National Bank and in 1934 this bank sent him to Russia to make a report on the financial conditions in that country. Reynolds spent about two months in Russia, according to Gregory, and while there saw many prominent individuals while making his investigation into the financial affairs of the Russian Government. He appeared to have been greatly impressed by the people he met. Upon his return to New York he submitted a report which the Chase National Bank refused because it had no value to them. From that time on he lived the life of a retired gentleman and held no employment until early in January, 1941, when he became interested in the formation of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation.

Gregory indicated that Reynolds had stated that in regard to his political background, he had been a Socialist for the past twenty years and indicated that on one occasion in 1919 he spoke on the same platform somewhere in New Jersey with Scott Fearing. He also told Gregory that he knew Norman Thomas and John Reed, both of whom had been active in the Socialist Party movement in the United States. Gregory also determined through conversations with Reynolds that he had been an acquaintance of some long standing of Theodore Beyer and had made numerous financial contributions to Theodore Beyer's magazine, "Soviet Russia Today." He also knew and gave financial assistance to Herbert Goldfrank, who was associated with the "New Masses," a Soviet Party line publication. It was also determined that John Reynolds was a good friend of Samuel Harris, a prominent Communist Party functionary, and on several occasions Reynolds indicated that the Harris family and his own family had been one-time residents of Tuxedo Park, New York, and his acquaintance with Harris began in early boyhood.

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According to Gregory, John Reynolds is not a dues-paying Communist Party member. However, he openly admitted that he is a "Marxist" and a Communist and further indicated that before his association with the United States Service and Shipping Corporation, he gave substantial sums of money to various Communist Party

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enterprises. After Reynolds became associated with the United States Service and Shipping Corporation he continued his friendship with Theodore Bayer, Len Harris, and Herbert Goldfrank, but indicated to Gregory that he was no longer contributing any large sums of money to the enterprise with which these individuals were concerned. He did state, however, that he gave them small contributions and his purpose for so doing was to ingratiate himself with these individuals, feeling that their friendship would be of great assistance to him in the profitable operation of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation.

In the latter part of 1940, Jacob K. Golos, a Soviet agent, was desirous of forming the United States Service and Shipping Corporation, and Golos conferred with Earl Browder in an effort to find a suitable individual to act as a front for this corporation. According to Gregory, it was through Earl Browder or one of Browder's functionaries that John Reynolds was nominated for this position. Gregory advised that in the latter part of 1940, at the time when the negotiations for the formation of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation were being conducted, Gregory met John Reynolds for the first time in the office of Jacob K. Golos. Subsequent to this meeting, Gregory was informed that Reynolds would be the President of this new corporation.

Acting on the instructions of Jacob K. Golos, Gregory in the early part of January, 1941, began to see Reynolds at his home on fairly frequent occasions and the reason for these meetings was to arrange for the formation of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation, sending telegrams to Intourist, and other matters which were incident to the actual commencement of the corporate activities. This corporation actually started to do business at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, sometime in the early part of 1941, at which time Reynolds took a fairly active interest in its affairs. The money representing the capital in this corporation had been obtained from both Earl Browder and John Reynolds, Reynolds putting up \$5,000 and Earl Browder, on behalf of the Communist Party, putting up \$15,000. This \$15,000, according to Gregory, was given to Reynolds by either Len Harris or Earl Browder. The legal transaction for the formation of the corporation was conducted by a reputable law firm in New York City who believed that they were working solely for John Reynolds and had no indication or knowledge that any part of the capital represented funds of the Communist Party or Earl Browder.

A short time after the corporation started business, Reynolds began to spend less and less time in the actual activities of the firm and at the time of the entrance of the United States in World War II, Reynolds attempted to join the Armed Forces. In December, 1942, he received a commission as a Major in the United States Army and remained away from New York for several months. He then spent a short time in New York City and was subsequently assigned to a special mission in some way connected with foreign funds in Washington, D. C. In September, 1945, he was elevated to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and on his return to New York City, became Executive Officer, Finance Office, United States Army, New York City.

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A few months after the United States Service and Shipping Corporation commenced operations, it came to Gregory's attention that Colonel Reynolds was maintaining for Lemel Harris various sums of money in a safety deposit box in the Chase National Bank. At the time Colonel Reynolds entered on active duty with the Army in 1942, he left instructions with Gregory that if in the future Lem Harris should request that any money be placed in the safety deposit box or should desire a portion of the money already there returned to him, Gregory should comply with those requests. From that time until approximately the spring of 1945, Lem Harris would occasionally come to Gregory and either give additional sums to be placed in the safety deposit box or would ask Gregory to withdraw a certain amount and give it to him. No independent record of the dates and amounts of these transactions was maintained by Gregory but Gregory recalls that Lem Harris had a small book in which he made entries, indicating the dates and the character of the transaction.

In the spring of 1945, Lem Harris withdrew all of his funds from the safety deposit box and, according to Gregory, Harris apparently believed that the Russians had made clear their intention of taking over the United States Service and Shipping Corporation and therefore felt that this repository would no longer be safe. The money which had been given by Harris to Gregory for safekeeping was placed in envelopes bearing the printed name either of John H. Reynolds or the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. The deposits and withdrawals ran, so far as Gregory could recall, from approximately \$2,000 to approximately \$10,000. Occasionally, when Harris would give Gregory the money to be included in the safety deposit box, he would remark that he had just been making the rounds and it would appear that these were Party funds rather than the personal property of Harris.

According to Gregory, "Al," a Soviet agent and Gregory's Russian contact who has been identified as Anatole B. Browder, Second Secretary, Russian Embassy, Washington, D. C., on the occasion of his initial meeting with Gregory inquired as to the advisability of his meeting with John Reynolds. At that time Gregory mentioned that it would be unwise because Reynolds was in uniform and inclined to be somewhat discreet, and mentioned to "Al" the difficulty of explaining to Reynolds the identity of "Al." At that time "Al" seemed satisfied that a meeting with Reynolds would not be wise. However, on the occasion of Gregory's meeting with "Al" in May or June, 1945, he again brought up the subject of his meeting Reynolds and stated that he definitely desired to see him. Gregory again registered an objection and stated that Ray Wilson, a prominent figure in this investigation, likewise felt that "Al" should not meet John Reynolds. At the insistence of "Al," arrangements were made for such a meeting and accordingly, a few days later Gregory and "Al" went to the Vanderbilt Hotel on Park Avenue where "Al" was introduced to Colonel John Reynolds. Later Reynolds informed Gregory that "Al" had been extremely inquisitive concerning the personal finances of himself and his wife. On this occasion "Al" also informed Reynolds that the \$15,000 original investment ostensibly made by Browder when the corporation was formed, actually represented Russian funds.

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According to Gregory, a misunderstanding then arose between "Al" and Reynolds as to a subsequent meeting and at the request of Reynolds, Gregory made several attempts to arrange a meeting in October and November, 1945. However, "Al" indicated that he had no desire to see Reynolds. On the occasion of the first meeting between "Al" and Reynolds, "Al" was introduced by a fictitious name and Reynolds always referred to "Al" as "Paul." According to Gregory, it appeared that Reynolds did not know the identity of "Al" but during subsequent conversations, Reynolds indicated that he felt "Al" was a Soviet agent.

During the latter part of September, 1945, Gregory indicated that Reynolds should cease his activity with the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. At that time Gregory informed Reynolds that Gregory had been mixed up with Colos in some undercover intelligence work. However, Gregory explained that subsequent to Colos' death in November, 1945, there had been no further activity and Gregory did not inform him of Gregory's continued operations along intelligence lines. At that time Gregory also indicated to Reynolds that the Russians were interested in maintaining the United States Service and Shipping Corporation for a definite purpose and that he would probably become involved. At that time he indicated that he probably knew that "Al" was in fact a Soviet agent.

In connection with Theodore Dyer, John Reynolds informed Gregory that when "Al" failed to communicate with Reynolds, he had gone to see Dyer and informed him of his meeting with "Al" and the fact that "Al" had not kept his appointment as promised. Reynolds advised that Dyer had promised to obtain for Reynolds another Russian contact in the event "Al" did not subsequently see him.

Jack, a Russian contact and Soviet agent who has not been further identified, instructed Gregory that John Reynolds' stock in the United States Service and Shipping Corporation should definitely be acquired and suggested that Gregory attempt to affect this through Earl Browder, pointing out to the latter that he no longer had any Russian contact of value and that inasmuch as the firm's success depended mainly on someone in the firm having a good Russian contact, he was no longer of any value so far as securing business for the corporation was concerned. With respect to this instruction, Gregory made arrangements with Earl Browder to meet John Reynolds and Browder instructed that Gregory was to bring Reynolds and Ray Elson to 16 West 12th Street, New York City. At the time Gregory fulfilled that appointment, Gregory was informed that that was the home of Frederick V. Field, who was not present at the meeting. At this time Browder conveyed to Reynolds the information that he should release his stock and Reynolds stated that if Browder felt that he should dispose of his interest to Ray Elson, it would be acceptable to him. On May 8, 1945, Ray Elson was elected as Vice President of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation and subsequent to that time Ray Elson attempted to procure five shares of the corporation which Gregory held and which had been given to Gregory as a gift by John Reynolds. Gregory, however, turned this stock over to John Reynolds, and Ray Elson mentioned that \$500 had been given to her by her Russian contact for the purpose of acquiring some of Reynolds' stock.

In August, 1944, Gregory and Colonel Reynolds went to Earl Browder's summer home and at that time Gregory carried to Earl Browder, William Browder, and Irene Browder gifts of liquor and brandy from Gregory's Russian contacts. Gregory also, on that occasion, carried material which had been collected and allowed Earl Browder to look it over. According to Gregory, John Reynolds was entirely ignorant of the fact that Gregory carried along any intelligence information.

#### Background

John Hazard Reynolds was born on October 13, 1886, and is a native of the United States. He came to New York City from Albany, New York, in 1906, and shortly thereafter became a member of a Wall Street brokerage firm. He subsequently held membership in the New York Stock Exchange. During World War I, he served in the United States Army and following his discharge was associated with the Melvill Shoe Company, Incorporated, New York City, later becoming associated with the Guaranty Company of New York. Following this, he was active in the firm of Gillman and Reynolds which managed the financial affairs of private families. In 1927, he retired from active business and remained so until approximately 1941 when the United States Service and Shipping Corporation was formed.

Reynolds is married to Grace Fleischman of the Fleischman Yeast family, and is independently wealthy, holding capital stock of the Chase National Bank as well as a large personal estate.)

In connection with the present investigation, Gregory has advised that Colonel Reynolds has been interested in World Tourist, Incorporated, and in the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. Consequently, a summary of these two organizations is being set out hereinafter as a further explanation of Colonel Reynolds' activities.

#### World Tourist, Incorporated

World Tourist, Incorporated, was chartered on June 10, 1927, in the State of New York with an authorized capital of \$50,000. The officers as of October 18, 1940, were: President, Joseph R. Brodsky; Vice President, Robert W. Wiener; Treasurer, Alexander Trachtenberg; Secretary, Jacob E. Colos. All of these individuals have long been prominently active in Communist Party affairs and Jacob E. Colos is a known Soviet agent. This corporation was established to take charge of all steamship tours, hotel and railroad accommodations, etc., for passengers to the Soviet Union and elsewhere. In March, 1940, World Tourist, Incorporated, and Jacob E. Colos, whose real name is Jacob Rabin, pled guilty to an indictment charging failure to register as agents of the Soviet Government. The corporation was fined \$500 and Colos received a penitentiary sentence. Following the death of Jacob Colos on November 27, 1943, John Hazard Reynolds became the Acting Vice President. As of June, 1945, this corporation was reported to be engaged in selling steamship tickets to South America and the Soviet Union and handling packages for the USSR.

#### United States Service and Shipping Corporation



The charter of incorporation of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation stated, "To carry on the business of forwarders, exporters, importers, ship brokers, and all other business incident to shipping and maritime work of every description." John Hazard Reynolds was the original President of this corporation. By a contract dated March 21, 1941, United States Service and Shipping Corporation was designated as the exclusive agent and representative of Intourist, the official Russian travel agency for the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Intourist agreed to designate the United States Service and Shipping Corporation as the sole and exclusive agency for the issuance of licenses for imports to the Soviet Union from the United States, Canada, and Mexico. In a later contract between the United States Service and Shipping Corporation and World Tourist, Incorporated, the latter was designated as the exclusive representative of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation for the purpose of transmitting merchandise, packages, or parcels to Soviet Russia from greater New York.

This corporation on April 10, 1941, notified the Secretary of State pursuant to the terms of the Notification Section of the Espionage Act of 1917 to the effect that it had entered into an agreement with Intourist for exclusive rights to licenses for the exportation of small parcels from the United States, Canada, and Mexico to individuals in the USSR. The State Department concurred in the opinion that the nature of its business was not such as to require registration.

As of July, 1943, John Hazard Reynolds was President of this corporation and his wife, Grace Fleischman Reynolds was Vice President. It is noted that during 1941 the monthly transfer of funds from the United States Service and Shipping Corporation to Intourist was approximately \$15,000, and in 1943, this amount had dropped to between \$3,000 and \$5,000. In July, 1945, it was reported that there was little activity in the offices of the corporation and it was believed that most of the business was conducted by telephone.

#### Results of Investigation

On December 5, 1945, it was confidentially ascertained that Lem Harris and his associates had definitely decided to take over the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. Harris manifested great eagerness in having Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds remain in the firm, and a conference was scheduled for December 7 to attempt to convince Reynolds that he should definitely retain his interest and participation in the firm's business. According to this confidential source, Reynolds' presence in the corporation obviously would be regarded as very important because he was a "good front," had a reputable law firm handling the corporation's affairs, and was generally well regarded in New York financial circles. This confidential source advised that Lem Harris, Theodore Dayer, as well as the Russians, would undoubtedly realize Reynolds' value to the company for these reasons.

Through a highly confidential source, it was determined that Theodore Dayer and Lem Harris had indicated their apparent intention to effect a closer working arrangement between the United States Service and Shipping Corporation and World Tourist, Incorporated, and the latter organization would become the sole receiving agent. It was further indicated that John Reynolds would continue in the firm in the same capacity as in the past.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 24, 1946

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WORLD TOURISTS, INC.; U. S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORP.;  
JOHN REYNOLDS, was; ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, was;  
MAX L. SPECTOR, was;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

In view of the fact that Confidential National Defense Informant GREGORY, whose identity is known to the Bureau, is reporting information concerning the activities of the above captioned organizations and persons, which information is being reported in the SILVERMASTER case, New York File 65-14603, this case is being placed in a closed status upon authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: 65-14603

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The photographs of a number of individuals involved in the Gregory and other cases who are known to have travelled outside the United States have previously been made available to your Headquarters. Further photographs in this connection are being obtained currently and will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

The other information requested by you in your referenced communication will be prepared and made available to you as soon as possible.

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## World Tourists, Inc.

(Established since 1927)

Continues to SEND  
gift PARCELS of new  
and old clothing and  
other articles to ALL  
PARTS of the SOVIET  
UNION with Duty Pre-  
paid as always.

1. WE also fumigate  
and supply a Board  
of Health Certifi-  
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2. WE have reduced  
our charges.
3. WE are equipped  
to give you the best  
service.

FOR DETAILS  
write, phone or call  
in person

## World Tourist, Inc.



18 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> ST.  
New York 10 N.Y.  
Tel.: OR 4-4660

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JAMES H. COLOS

Discussions were made of Budenz for the purpose of determining the nature of his relationship with Colos and Elizabeth Bentley. When Colos subject was initially mentioned, Budenz furnished little information of value, although he did state that to the best of his recollection, Ray Budenz, initiated the original contact with Colos in New York City, at which time Budenz was affiliated with the College Committee. Budenz stated that, to the best of his recollection at the time he traveled to New York City to obtain credit for his newspaper since it was in financial arrears at which time persons suggested to him that he might obtain advertising from John Colos who Budenz believes was affiliated with World Tourists. Budenz stated further at the time of our original inquiry that he would contact Colos and that as far as he could recall conversations for his paper from Colos and that as far as he could recall he saw Colos between six and twelve times from the time of his initial contact until the latter part of 1943. (Colos was in numerous ways)

When interviewed at a subsequent date, Budenz stated that during the intervening period he had given much thought to our earlier discussion and that in connection with the instant matter, he had additional information to offer. He related that he now recalled having met and having been acquainted with Colos for a much longer period of time than he had previously stated. He advised that to the best of his recollection he has known Colos since 1935 and possibly even since 1932. In an endeavor to accurately place his original contact in point of time he stated that he now then likely made his initial acquaintance with Colos when Sidney Hillman was the head of the American-American Corporation, and during which period Colos was an official in another organization (name not recalled) which was concerned in the political orientation.

At this point Budenz stated that in addition to knowing Colos he also knew Bentley but he knew her by the name of Helen Holmes. Incidentally thereafter he stated that even though Bentley utilized the name of Helen Holmes in her associations with Budenz, he knew at the same time that her name was actually Elizabeth Bentley.

At this point in the interview, Budenz attempted begrudgingly to state that one thing which recalls to his mind his relationship with Colos and Bentley was an incident which arose in connection with a failed scheme of Colos to desert, who was viewed by many in the United States as an authority on Czech matters. This individual's last name was Rabos (phonetic).

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According to Budenz, Rubes had a daughter named Laura Rubes (phonetic) who lived in Astoria who was considered by some of Budenz' Communist Party associates as an individual who was friendly to the Soviet Union and to the Communist cause in America.

From the manner in which Laura Rubes acted, Budenz was not entirely convinced of her sincerity; in fact, he had the impression for a time that she might have been "watching" or spying on Budenz' activities. Accordingly, Budenz discussed the Rubes woman with Elisabeth Johnstone, the wife of Jack Johnstone and an individual who was formerly married to a Czech and who knew the background of the Czechs very well. Elisabeth Johnstone furnished general information to Budenz concerning Laura Rubes, which information apparently satisfied him as to her reliability. (The latter deduction is one of inference only since Budenz did not actually state this.) In any event, at about this time Laura Rubes advised Budenz that she had a letter from her father who was then in Cairo and who, according to Budenz, was representing United States interests and may even have been a representative of the United States Government in Egypt. At this point, Budenz advised Golos of the receipt of the Rubes' letter and of the fact that Laura Rubes' father was in Cairo whereupon, according to Budenz, Golos "seemed interested." Elucidating upon this interest of Golos, Budenz stated that he got the definite impression from Golos that he seemed interested in knowing what Mr. Rubes' attitude might be toward Tito and in knowing whether Rubes might be getting in touch with King Peter.

Next, Budenz advised that he and Golos occasionally discussed Adamic and his attitude at that time concerning a Federated Yugoslavia. He stated that he, Budenz, would make reports on what people such as Adamic said concerning problems such as the Yugoslavian one; that these reports would be made to Browder or Landy "as a regular thing," and that "he may also have furnished them to Golos but he didn't recall."

Budenz asserted that from his contacts with Golos it would appear that the latter was more interested in Yugoslav subjects than in anything else.

Inasmuch as Adamic's attitude at that time concerning a Federated Yugoslavia was in conflict with the policies expressed by the Soviet Union concerning the Slavic peoples, and in view of Budenz' very friendly relationship with Adamic, the following question was put to Budenz: "Could Golos try to get you to bring pressure to bear upon Adamic in order that he might change his policy regarding a Federated Yugoslavia," whereupon Budenz replied that Golos, Browder, and Landy all tried to get Budenz to have Adamic change his policy. (It may be considered noteworthy that subsequently Adamic did substantially alter his expressions on the question of a Federated Yugoslavia, and altered them in such a fashion as to bring his ideas in line with those expressed by Soviet officials.)

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Continuing, Budenz expressed the conviction that Golos was a "runner" between the Soviets and interested groups in the United States.

Getting back to the subject of Helen Johns, alias Bentley, Budenz advised that Golos told him that he, Golos, had heart trouble; that accordingly, he wanted Budenz to furnish any information he received in the future concerning such matters as the foregoing to Helen Johns inasmuch as she was trustworthy and because she would in turn make the information available to Golos. At this point in discussing Helen Johns, Budenz inferred that she was a behind-the-scenes operator since he would see her occasionally in the building occupied by Communist Party Headquarters at which time she would obviously indicate to Budenz that she did not want him to recognize her while in the building.

In recalling the peculiar nature of the activities engaged in by both Golos and Johns, Budenz stated that he got the distinct impression that both Golos and Johns were working for the Control Commission, and that Golos was actually a member of that Commission (which entity Budenz described as being one which is supposed to regulate the conduct of Communist Party members.) Budenz stated that from their activities he got the impression that they may have been engaged in some defensive measures for protective purposes with respect to certain of the activities in which some of the Communist Party members were engaged.

At this point, Budenz launched into a discussion of the Control Commission and he made certain comments which are of such a nature that they are worthy of quoting herein:

"What is the Control Commission? I've been a responsible official (of the Party)--dealt with personnel--had to do things about firing people and all that--for ten years--but never have I seen the Control Commission. Never has anyone in the name of the Control Commission said anyone was good, bad, or indifferent.... My memory is as a matter of fact, that Golos is a member of the Control Commission. Now I understand that the Control Commission in the Communist Party is supposed to regulate the conduct of Party members. The regulation of the conduct may be in regard to political matters, personnel or anything else. I've never seen this Control Commission. If you ask me today who is the Control Commission I won't know."

At this point, in order to emphasize the importance of the Control Commission, Budenz recalled an incident which obviously relates to the activities of that Commission. He stated that when Casey was affiliated with



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the "Daily Worker" there was a lot of eruption in Party and "Daily Worker" Headquarters; that Casey was so afraid of the ninth floor (the officials of the Communist Party) that he did things on his own without conferring with or soliciting the advice of Communist Party officials; that on one occasion Budenz himself wrote a ten page editorial on the Chinese questions; that Casey apparently disagreed with the policy of the editorial and, therefore, without conferring with the hierarchy of the Party, tore up the editorial and as a result, when the "Daily Worker" of that date was ready to appear on the streets, it contained ten pages of blank space. As a result, there was a tremendous eruption in Communist Party and "Daily Worker" Headquarters and "everyone was considered suspect." At this point, Littleman discussed the matter with Budenz; Budenz advised him that Casey tore up the editorial; whereupon Littleman stated that "he would call Golos on the Control Commission." When Littleman indicated that he would bring the matter to the attention of Golos on the Control Commission, Harry Cannis begged him not to do it and, according to Budenz, Littleman did not refer the matter to Golos on the Control Commission.

Continuing, Budenz stated: "I think the question of the Control Commission is a very important one--all through the years we've heard the Control Commission spoken of from time to time, sometimes even at National Committee meetings"--but apparently spoken of in a surreptitious fashion.

Additional inquiries were made of Budenz of the Control Commission and he did furnish information of value which is set out in another memorandum.

The only additional statements furnished by Budenz relative to the suspended case were statements to the effect that recently when the Department of Justice sought or solicited Budenz to register as an agent of a foreign principal, he discussed the matter with Joe Brodsky at which time Brodsky referred to past Registration Act cases involving Communists and specifically to the Golos case (who was convicted for violating the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act in March, 1940.) Brodsky stated at the time that Golos was purposely made a "fall man" and that it was prearranged by high ranking functionaries here that Golos would submit to prosecution.

At a subsequent interview, Budenz said that Golos was not to be called a member of the Control Commission of the Communist Party although Budenz said that it was his understanding that he was such a member.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL T. L. CAULLE

February 4, 1947

Director, FBI

MAHLER EXTERMINATING COMPANY, New York City;  
AMALGAMATED BANK OF CHICAGO;  
① THE PENNSYLVANIA COMPANY, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;  
WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED, New York City, *N.Y.*  
HEARN'S DEPARTMENT STORE, New York City

For your information advice has been received that Henry D. Mahler, proprietor of the Mahler Exterminating Company, 500 East 164th Street, Bronx, New York, has entered into a contract with Intourist, Moscow, Russia, for the shipment of parcels to Russia. This company is the successor to the United States Service and Shipping Corporation, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which discontinued its contract with Intourist effective October 31, 1946. The latter company was engaged in the business of receiving parcels for shipment to the U.S.S.S.R.

Contracts have also been negotiated between the New York office of the Amtorg Trading Corporation for and in the name of Intourist with the Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, the Pennsylvania Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, World Tourists, Incorporated, New York City, and Hearn's Department Store, New York City.

Information has been received from a source regarded as completely reliable that the contracts entered into by these companies are similar to the agreement which formerly existed between the United States Service and Shipping Corporation and Intourist, particularly since they provide that exclusive control over all advertising done by such firms with respect to their ~~particular~~ <sup>parcel</sup> business is invested in Intourist.

The above information is being made available to you for the attention of the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department for a decision as to whether or not the above-named firms should be compelled to register as agents of a foreign principal.

I would appreciate being advised of the Department's decision in this matter.

FLJ:am

cc - Mr. Ladd

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SAC, New York

Director, FBI

GREGORY

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(U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation)

Reference is made to information recently received from your office to the effect that Henry D. Mahler, proprietor of the Mahler Exterminating Company, 600 East 164th Street, Bronx, New York, has entered into a contract with Intourist, Moscow, Russia, for the shipment of parcels to Russia. The Mahler Exterminating Company is the successor to the U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation, which discontinued its contract with Intourist on October 31, 1946.

You will recall that the Amtorg Trading Corporation has been negotiating contracts between its New York Office in the name of Intourist with the Amalgamated Bank of Chicago; the Pennsylvania Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; World Tourists, Incorporated, New York City, and Hearn's Department Store, New York City. The contracts entered into by these companies are similar to the agreement which existed between the U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation and Intourist.

The above information was made available to the Department for the attention of the Foreign Agents Registration Section for a decision as to whether or not the above-named firms should be compelled to register as agents of a foreign principal.

The Department has now advised that the activities of these organizations are such as to bring them within the purview of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Registration statements have been received from the Mahler Exterminating Company and the Pennsylvania Company. Registration forms have been requested by a Chicago legal firm which are believed to be for the use of the Amalgamated Bank of Chicago. The Foreign Agents Registration Section intends to communicate with World Tourists, Incorporated, and Hearn's Department Store regarding this matter.

The foregoing is being submitted for your information.

cc: SAC, Washington

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October 21, 1947

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

World Tourists Inc., 18 W. 23rd St., New  
York City claims to be able to ship parcels  
to European Russia. They also claim that these  
parcels are insured.

Kindly advise me as to the reliability of  
this corporation.

Thanking you, I remain

Yours very truly,

*Frank Hamilton*

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Mr. Louis Chaukin  
709 East Third Street  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Chaukin:

Your letter of October 21, 1947, has been received and although I would like to be of service, the matter about which you have written is not within the scope of the activities of this Bureau. It is suggested that you may wish to communicate with the Better Business Bureau, 280 Broadway, New York, New York.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: Address of Better Business Bureau per phone directory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
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Director, FBI

WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED  
UNION TOURS, INCORPORATED  
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You are requested to conduct such investigation of Union Tours, Incorporated, 50 East 29th Street, New York, as is necessary to determine its activities and liabilities under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. U

There is no information in the Bureau files regarding Union Tours, Incorporated, except that on an unknown date it published a pamphlet urging that travellers to the USSR should arrange their tours through Union Tours, and to travel light and buy in the USSR at Torgsin Stores. U

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**Enclosure**

The following files were checked for information on these firms and Pombach.

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New York 7, New York

August 2, 1948

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Director, FBI

Att: Assistant Director L. B. Nichols

RE: WALTER HOWEY,  
EDITOR, HEARST PAPER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the telephonic conversation between Assistant Director L. B. Nichols and ASAC Belmont of this office today, there is forwarded herewith a copy of the memorandum of Night Supervisor Nelson A. Watson dealing with a telephone call made by Mr. HOWEY on the night of July 31, 1948. This supplements information telephonically furnished by the Night Supervisor to Mr. Nichols on the night of July 31, 1948.

In accordance with Mr. Nichols' instructions, no action is being taken by this office relative to the tone adopted by HOWEY. In the event the Bureau desires, I shall be most happy to personally discuss this with Mr. HOWEY and furnish him with my opinion of his conduct.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHMIDT  
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ADDENDUM; LBN:hmc; 8-4-48

Mr. Walter Howey called the Bureau and talked to Night Supervisor Thompson on Saturday evening, July 31. He inquired for information on the Bentley case and Mr. Thompson told him the Bureau was making no comment on the Bentley case. He was not sarcastic and rude in talking to Thompson as he was in talking to the New York Office. He did express the thought that we should comment on the Bentley case and stated that he would try the New York Office. Mr. Thompson did tell him when he stated he was trying to get in touch with the Director that the Director's office was closed.

I do not think the call was handled improperly in Washington.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER

DATE: August 20, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*SUBJECT: U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation  
REGISTRATION ACT

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
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Assistant Attorney General Aler Campbell called at my office on the afternoon of August 20, 1948, left the attached copies of correspondence from Elizabeth Bentley to the Department of Commerce and advised that Mr. Donegan and Attorneys from the Department intended to study the information developed with reference to the above named company for the purpose of determining whether it would be possible to institute prosecution under the Registration Act, that the Gregory Grand Jury would be called back on September 14 and that such evidence as was available at that time would be presented to the Grand Jury.

Mr. Campbell requested that the Bureau immediately interview Mr. E. C. Ropes, who was formerly with the Department of Commerce and to whom the attached letters were addressed. Mr. Ropes, according to Mr. Campbell is now retired. He wants to determine all possible information which Mr. Ropes may possess concerning the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation. He wants to determine from Mr. Ropes whether Elizabeth Bentley personally called at the Department of Commerce and if so, who accompanied her. He also requested that the records of the Department of Commerce be checked for the purpose of determining all possible information concerning the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation. He stated that he thought there might be pencil notations on letters in the file indicating action, etc. that might be pertinent.

In connection with the above matter, Mr. Campbell stated he had just discussed this matter with the Attorney General and it had been definitely decided that Elizabeth Bentley would not be included in any indictment return if one is returned.

He also advised that it is the intention at the present moment to have the Gregory Grand Jury return a presentment.

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GREGORY. ESPIONAGE R. REFERENCE LETTER TO BUREAU SEPTEMBER THIRD. REVIEW OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM THE EFFECTS OF JACOB GOLOS STORED AT THE WAREHOUSE IS CONTINUING. THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN IN ALL AND MORE THAN HALF OF THIS MATERIAL IS IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND IS PRESENTLY BEING TRANSLATED. IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT THERE WAS A LETTER ON CP STATIONERY DATED SEPTEMBER NINETEENTH, NINETEEN THIRTY THREE, SIGNED BY EARL B POWDER, SECRETARY, CP, USA, CERTIFYING THAT COMRADE GOLOS HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DO SPECIAL WORK FOR THE SECRETARIAT AND THAT HE WAS TO BE GIVEN EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. ALSO THERE WAS NOTED A LETTER DATED APRIL TWENTY FIRST, NINETEEN TWENTY SIX, SIGNED BY RUTHENBERG, GENERAL SECRETARY, ON STATIONERY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL DATED MOSCOW, JUNE NINTH, NINETEEN TWENTY SIX, CERTIFYING THAT J. N. GOLOS HAD JOINED THE CP OF AMERICA AT THE TIME OF ITS ORGANIZATION IN NINETEEN NINETEEN AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CP AND WORKERS PARTY SINCE THAT TIME, FURTHER STATING THAT HE HAD HELD RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN THE PARTY AND HAD RECENTLY BEEN SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY FOR TECHNICAL AID TO SOVIET RUSSIA.

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HE HAD BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO PROCEED TO THE SOVIET UNION TO WORK FOR THE KUSPAS ORGANIZATION AT THE REQUEST OF THAT ORGANIZATION, AND WAS GRANTED A TRANSFER TO THE CP OF THE SOVIET UNION. FORM A REVIEW OF THE MATERIAL IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORP. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS MATERIAL WAS STORED IN JULY, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, AND US SERVICE AND SHIPPING WAS FORMED IN NINETEEN FORTY ONE. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT ANY MATERIAL WAS PLACED IN THE WAREHOUSE AFTER JULY OF NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. IT HAS ALSO BEEN NOTED THAT FOR THE MOST PART THE MATERIAL PERTAINS TO EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE AROUND NINETEEN TWENTY NINE TO NINETEEN THIRTY TWO. THE REVIEW OF THIS MATERIAL WILL BE EXPEDITED AND THE BUREAU NOTIFIED AS SOON AS THIS REVIEW IS COMPLETED.

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GREGORY, -ESPIONAGE - R. RE CURRENT EXAMINATION EFFECTS OF JACOB  
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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: September 2, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: GREGORY;  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(Jacob Golos)U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION;  
REGISTRATION ACT

You will recall that Jacob Golos, who was Elizabeth Bentley's immediate superior in the Gregory Case, died in 1945. Golos was instrumental in the formation and operation of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation.

The New York Office has just been advised of the existence of a voluminous amount of personal effects of Jacob Golos which were apparently stored by him in 1937 in Gramercy Storage Warehouse, New York City. This information was furnished to the New York Office by the proprietor of the warehouse who is a personal acquaintance of SA Joseph Wohl of the New York Office, who had concluded that they might be of interest to the Bureau after he had read newspaper accounts of Bentley's testimony concerning Golos. On September 1, 1948, Agents of the New York Office began an examination of this voluminous material, much of which is in the Russian and German languages. It is noted that this material also includes numerous photographs of Golos. Agents of the New York Office qualified in the Russian and German languages began a careful examination of this material September 2, 1948, and will photograph documents of apparent relevancy. It is further noted that until one month ago, storage charges on this material stored by Golos in 1937 were paid by World Tourists, Inc.

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE-R, <sup>0</sup> US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION, REGISTRATION ACT. REURTEL AUGUST THIRTY ONE LAST. BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL RECORDS OF SUBJECT CORPORATION MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS DIVISION TODAY BY BROWN AND ATKINS, NYC ACCOUNTING FIRM WHICH HANDLED BOOKKEEPING FOR COMPANY. ALL OTHER CORPORATION RECORDS INCLUDING MINUTE BOOK, STOCK TRANSFER BOOK ETC., IN POSSESSION OF ATTORNEY CHARLES BESS BANNERMAN OF CLARK, CARR AND ELLIS WHO WAS INTERVIEWED TODAY AND IS COOPERATING FULLY. DATA IN HIS POSSESSION TO BE SUBPOENAED TOMORROW AS HE IS ASSEMBLING THEM IN MEANTIME. BANNERMAN WAS COUNSEL FOR FIRM SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION AND MAINTAINED HE NEVER HAD ANY IDEA IT WAS OTHER THAN A STRICTLY COMMERCIAL VENTURE BY JOHN H. REYNOLDS AND PARTICULARLY THAT HE NEVER RECEIVED ANY INDICATION THAT JACOB N. GOLOS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR OR INSTRUMENTAL IN FORMATION AND OPERATION OF SUBJECT COMPANY. BANNERMAN UNABLE TO OFFER MUCH ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION BUT DID STATE THAT IN NOVEMBER, FORTY SEVEN ON INSTRUCTIONS OF REYNOLDS HE DELIVERED TO LEMENT HARRIS A CHECK DRAWN BY REYNOLDS ON PERSONAL ACCOUNT PAYABLE TO HARRIS IN THE MOUNT OF EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FULL SETTLEMENT OF OBLIGATION REYNOLDS SAID HE OWED HARRIS. BANNERMAN CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW REAL NATURE OF THIS "LOAN" BUT MERELY THAT REYNOLDS EXPLAINED IT WAS IN THE NATURE OF A PERSONAL LOAN HE NEGOTIATED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH FORMATION OF US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION FOR HIS FINANCIAL PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS. AGENTS TODAY BEGAN

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EXAMINATION OF VOLUMINOUS AMOUNT OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OF JACOB GOLOS STORED BY HIM IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN IN GRAMERCY STORAGE WAREHOUSE, NYC. EXISTENCE OF THIS MATERIAL MADE KNOWN TO THIS DIVISION BY PROPRIETOR OF WAREHOUSE WHO IS PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE OF SA JOSEPH WOHL AND WHO HAD CONCLUDED THEY MIGHT BE OF INTEREST AFTER HE HAD READ NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF BENTLEY TESTIMONY CONCERNING GOLOS. MUCH OF MATERIAL WHICH INCLUDES NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF GOLOS IS IN RUSSIAN AND GERMAN AND QUALIFIED AGENTS WILL COMMENCE CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF SUCH MATERIAL TOMORROW AND PHOTOGRAPH DOCUMENTS OF APPARENT RELEVANCY. UNTIL ONE MONTH AGO STORAGE CHARGES ON THIS MATERIAL STORED BY GOLOS IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN WERE PAID BY WORLD TOURISTS, INC. REQUESTED EXAMINATION AT CHASE BANK RE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AND BANK ACCOUNTS COMMENCED TODAY.

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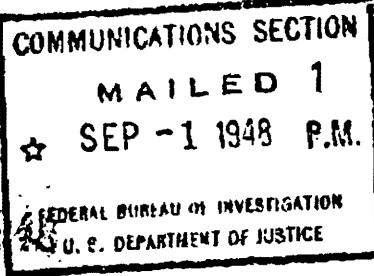
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U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION  
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Reference is made to my letter dated August 24, 1948, in the captioned matter.

The Bureau files fail to reflect that your office has conducted the investigation requested in my referenced letter. This investigation must be completed and the results furnished to the Bureau by September 3, 1948. I desire to point out that this investigation is of vital importance at this time and that the dead line of September 3, 1948 must be met.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 30, 1948

FROM : Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE

It is respectfully requested that appropriate investigation be made for the purpose of developing evidence as to a possible conspiracy to violate the Registration Act on the part of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation and the following individuals: John Hazard Reynolds, Mrs. Ray Elson, Anatole Gromov, Len Harris, Earl Browder and Elizabeth Bentley.

It will be recalled that the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation at the time of its incorporation in New York in February, 1941 was represented by the law firm of Clark, Carr and Ellis, a large New York law firm located in the financial district of New York City. This firm continued to represent both U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation and John Hazard Reynolds, the president of the corporation. At one time one of the members of this firm named Carr was on the Board of Directors of U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation. Subsequently a Mr. Bannerman who was also a partner in this law firm was an officer of U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation.

In order that evidence may be presented before the Grand Jury, it is requested that Mr. Bannerman of Clark, Carr and Ellis be contacted for the purpose of determining the whereabouts of the books and records of this incorporation. As soon as information is obtained, Mr. Bannerman can be advised that a subpoena will be issued for these books and records, including the financial statements, cancelled checks and other bank records of the corporation. Mr. Bannerman should be questioned as to whether the corporation or any of the officers to his knowledge had any safe deposit boxes and their whereabouts should be ascertained.

It is also desired that the Chase National Bank be contacted to develop information on any records they might have on this corporation or any of the above named defendants so that a subpoena can be issued for such records.

It is believed that the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has information as to which branch bank U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation or John Hazard Reynolds maintained a safe deposit box during the existence of the corporation. It is desired that the safe deposit records of this branch of the Chase National bank be examined for any pertinent information concerning visits made to the safe deposit box. In this connection there should also be determined the names of all employees since 1941 who had charge of admission of persons to the safe deposit box.

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It will be recalled that John Hazard Reynolds was also a Vice President of ~~World~~ Tourists, Inc. for a period of time. It is requested that any information in possession of the Bureau concerning World Tourists be furnished so it can be determine whether any of the records of World Tourists will be available for consideration in the above entitled matter.

It is suggested that if there are any inquiries concerning this matter, particularly since the investigation centers in New York City, that the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contact the representatives of the Department who are working on this matter in New York City. Mr. Donegan will contact Mr. Belmont of the New York office concerning this inquiry.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: August 31, 1948

FROM : L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: ~~GREGORY~~ *U.S. Service & Shipping Corp.*  
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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

ASAC Belmont of the New York Office called at 4:10 PM today and referred to a conference had by Special Assistant to the Attorney General T. J. Donegan with Department officials on August 30, 1948 at Washington, at which it was decided to proceed against the officers of the United States Shipping and Service Corporation under the Registration Act.

Mr. Belmont stated that Mr. Donegan had requested the New York Office to conduct certain investigation in connection with the proposed prosecution. Mr. Belmont said that he wanted the Bureau to know that the New York Office was going ahead and handle these inquiries unless advised to the contrary.

I told Mr. Belmont that the Department at Washington had requested this investigation, that the Director was personally interested and had issued personal instructions that the requested investigation be handled and a report submitted without fail by September 3, 1948. I told Mr. Belmont that the investigation requested by the Department had been forwarded to the New York Office by teletype this morning and was confirmed by letter ASD today, which attached a copy of the Department's memorandum.

Mr. Belmont said that the Bureau's teletype had not yet come to his attention but that the New York Office would proceed at once with the investigation.

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There are being transmitted herewith the original and four copies of the report of SA Joseph M. Kelly, dated September 3, 1948 in captioned matter. This report contains the results of the investigation requested by the Criminal Division of the Department. It is to be noted that at his request, Mr. Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, has been kept currently advised of the progress of the requested investigation. Mr. Donegan pointed out that he is scheduled to confer with Attorney General Clark on this matter on September 7, 1948, and that it was impossible to state at this time whether or not further investigation would be requested.

With respect to the requested interview of BERNICE LEVIN this date, please be advised that such interview was postponed until September 7, 1948; accordingly, no mention is made in referenced report of this matter and a separate report setting out the results of the investigation and interview of LEVIN will be submitted immediately upon completion of the contemplated interview.

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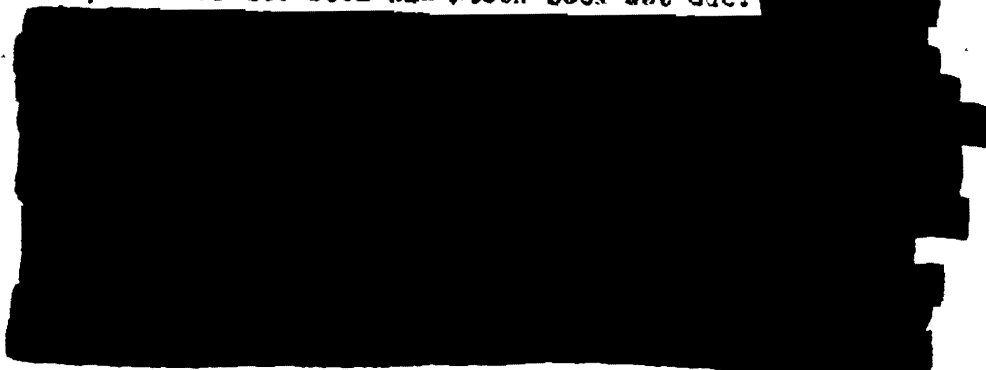
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

CHARLES S. BARTHEMAN of law firm of CLARK, GARR & BILIS, 120 Broadway, New York City, advised he has been legal adviser for U. S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION since its formation February 1941; met JACOB W. GOLOS two or three times in 1941 incident to organization of company but claims never suspicious GOLOS inspired formation of company or directed it; further, that he never had any idea U. S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION was other than strictly commercial venture on part of JOHN W. REYNOLDS. States his first knowledge of REYNOLDS' having negotiated \$15,000 loan from LURENT HARRIS or PAUL BRODNER in early 1941 came in spring of 1947 when he questioned REYNOLDS after ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY had insinuated to BARTHEMAN that some features of company unknown to him might prove very embarrassing. Subpoena duces tecum issued and served September 2, 1948 on BARTHEMAN and all corporate records in his possession surrendered thereunder. Review of corporate minute book and stock book set out.



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The following investigation was conducted by SAs THOMAS J. FINGER and JOSEPH M. KELLY on September 1 and 2, 1948.

CHARLES S. BANNERMAN, partner in the law firm of Clark, Carr and Ellis, 120 Broadway, New York City, advised upon interview at his office on September 1, 1948 that his first knowledge of U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation came in the early part of 1941 when he was asked by Mr. JOHN F. BARR, a senior associate in the firm, to assist in drawing up articles of incorporation and performing other legal work incidental to the formation of the above named corporation. Mr. BANNERMAN stated that it was his understanding that JOHN H. REYNOLDS had come into Clark, Carr and Ellis through his acquaintance with Mr. ELLIS of the firm and he further stated that Mr. BARR is now General Counsel of the Union Pacific Railroad with offices in New York City. It was definitely established that Mr. CARR of the law firm did not participate whatsoever in the initial conversations concerning the firm nor at any time thereafter, according to Mr. BANNERMAN'S best knowledge.

With respect to the actual formation of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, Mr. BANNERMAN said he recalls that when he first heard of the matter, Mr. REYNOLDS came into the office and displayed a cablegram from Intourist, Moscow, briefly directing that steps should be taken by REYNOLDS to form a corporation for the purpose of forwarding parcels to Russia as exclusive licensee of Intourist. According to Mr. BANNERMAN, he drew the articles of incorporation for the firm and shortly thereafter prepared a contract between the corporation and World Tourists, Inc., the latter firm being designated a sub-agent to receive parcels and prepare packages for shipment to Russia.

BANNERMAN declared that to the best of his knowledge and belief all of the initial operating funds for the corporation were paid in by JOHN H. REYNOLDS and he stated that not until 1947 did he ever hear or have reason to believe that at the time the corporation was organized, REYNOLDS had borrowed \$15,000 in connection with part of his original plan for operation of the company.

On the occasion of this interview, Mr. BANNERMAN advised that he believed REYNOLDS first told him that he had negotiated a \$15,000 loan either immediately after REYNOLDS had been questioned by Bureau agents in 1947 or shortly after REYNOLDS' appearance before the Grand Jury in September 1947. BANNERMAN contended throughout that he had never cared to know any more



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about the firm than was absolutely necessary for his use in handling the legal work incident thereto. He said he did recall having asked REYNOLDS in the early part of 1941 how it happened that the latter was selected by the Russian Government as their exclusive licensee in this country and REYNOLDS explained that he had made a study of Soviet economy and had become acquainted personally with an official, whom he did not identify, who was instrumental in endorsing him in this venture. It was further learned from BANNERMAN that he had met the late JACOB M. GOLOS two or three times in the offices of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and that these meetings had been concerned with the latter firm's operations inasmuch as GOLOS was president of World Tourist, Inc., at that time. He said he did not realize that GOLOS had previously been convicted of being an unregistered agent of a foreign principal and was never suspicious of GOLOS although he stated he assumed he must have been an employee of the Russian Government.

Mr. BANNERMAN stated positively that at no time did he have any indication whatsoever that GOLOS had either inspired the formation of U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation or had anything to do with directing its operations. It was also learned from BANNERMAN that the firm had rented a safety deposit box in the Fifth Avenue Branch of the Chase National Bank and that so far as he knew there was no other corporate safety deposit box nor had any of the officers at any time maintained a box for corporate use.

According to BANNERMAN, after REYNOLDS had told him sometime in 1947 that coincident with the formation of the corporation, he had negotiated a "personal loan" of \$15,000, he never pressed REYNOLDS for an exact explanation of the details of this loan but did learn that REYNOLDS claimed he regarded it as a personal matter, not connected with the affairs of the corporation and that REYNOLDS further maintained to him that the proceeds of the loan had never become co-mingled with corporate funds. He said his best understanding was that REYNOLDS had devised this loan for the purpose of securing himself financially against loss arising out of his investment in the firm because of interference by the Russian Government in the operations of the company and BANNERMAN pointed out that at the time the firm began business REYNOLDS was required to and did deposit the sum of \$10,000 in the State Bank of Moscow to the credit of Intourist. REYNOLDS maintained to BANNERMAN that he felt as a business proposition he should have some security for this Moscow deposit and accordingly had insisted upon this "loan" of \$15,000.

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On September 2, 1948, Mr. BANNERMAN said that since agents' visit the previous day, he had conferred telephonically with Mr. REYNOLDS and had secured some further information from the latter concerning the company. He said REYNOLDS told him that he had met JACOB H. COLOS through HERBERT GOLDFRANK, who was at that time editor of "Soviet Russia Today" and that after he had discussed with COLOS his plans to form a company to forward parcels to Russia he had told COLOS that he would have to have a \$15,000 loan to secure himself financially. BANNERMAN continued that REYNOLDS related that COLOS had said that he did not have that sum of money and that REYNOLDS would have to see EARL BROWDER about it. REYNOLDS claimed to BANNERMAN that he did in fact confer with BROWDER for this purpose and also to make inquiry of him concerning COLOS and upon BROWDER'S statement that the money would be forthcoming, the money was delivered shortly thereafter in cash by LEONET UPHAM HARTIS.

While discussing this matter further with Mr. BANNERMAN on September 2, 1948, agents learned that Mr. BANNERMAN had inquired that date of Mr. REYNOLDS whether the latter had ever made the statement that BANNERMAN had been cognizant of this loan matter within a matter of months after the formation of the company. According to BANNERMAN, REYNOLDS denied having made this statement to anyone. BANNERMAN'S recollection had been refreshed further and he stated that he never recalled that his first knowledge of this loan came to him probably in February of 1947 during the time ELIZABETH T. BENNETT had been an officer and employee of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation and was engaged in a dispute with REYNOLDS concerning severance pay allegedly due her. BANNERMAN recalls that Miss BENNETT asked to confer with BANNERMAN privately and that on that occasion she told BANNERMAN that there was considerably more to the situation than he apparently had realized and that because of the "characters" involved there were apt to be some embarrassing repercussions which might affect BANNERMAN as well as REYNOLDS. As a result of these interviews, BANNERMAN asked REYNOLDS if he knew what Miss BENNETT apparently had in mind and it was at that time that REYNOLDS explained to him his having negotiated this loan in the manner above described. BANNERMAN remarked that he never felt duty bound to "cross-examine" his client about the type of people the latter might be dealing with and as a matter of fact he did not want to know any more than was necessary for him to handle REYNOLDS' legal affairs and those of the corporation.

Mr. BANNERMAN further stated that in November and December of 1947, upon instructions from REYNOLDS, he had two or three conferences with LEONET UPHAM HARTIS relative to repayment of the outstanding balance of \$7,000 of the \$15,000 loan and that these conferences resulted in REYNOLDS drawing a

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personal check for \$7,000 payable to LAURENT HARRIS and this check being delivered by BAISHERMAN to HARRIS in the former's office at which time a general release was executed by HARRIS acknowledging receipt of \$15,000.

It was also learned from Mr. BAISHERMAN that it was a considerable time after REYNOLDS kept his dinner engagement with A. B. GROMOV in the Vanderbilt Hotel in New York City in April 1945 that he had mentioned this meeting to BAISHERMAN and at that time REYNOLDS stated he had been told by the FBI that this man, who was introduced to him as a relief organization official, actually was a Soviet espionage agent. Mr. BAISHERMAN was most cooperative throughout both interviews and evinced every willingness to cooperate although he reiterated his ignorance of any matters except those he had reason to know in order to discharge his duties as attorney for REYNOLDS.

On September 2, 1945, agents served a subpoena duces tecum on Mr. BAISHERMAN calling for production by him of all books and records in his possession of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation. They were immediately made available by him and brought to the New York Office. Among these were the corporation Minute Book, the Stock Book, the Combined Stock and Transfer Ledger and a book containing Voting Trust Certificates. These records have been examined and the following information is summarized from the corporation Minute Books:

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A review of the Voting Trust Certificates Book and the Combination Stock and Transfer Ledger did not reveal anything of apparent significance.

At the time of the service of the subpoena duces tecum on Mr. BAIRDMAN on September 22, 1964, [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA (A) GEORGE J. VAN DORN on September 1 and 2, 1948:

**INVESTIGATION AT CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY**  
18 Pine Street  
New York, New York

Confidential Informant T-1 checked the records of the CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, Head Office, 18 Pine Street, New York, New York, to determine whether any of the subjects of this investigation at any time maintained safe-deposit boxes with CHASE.

The following schedule reflects results of T-1's search:

**ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY**

Safe-deposit box currently maintained at CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, Grand Central Branch, 422 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York.

**RAY ELSON (MRS. JOSEPH ELSON)**

Safe-deposit box rented 1/29/47 at CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, Grand Central Branch. Box surrendered 4/12/48.

**ANATOLY A. GROMOV**

No record of safe-deposit box in GROMOV'S name at CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY. Records reflect, however, that GROMOV was granted access to safe-deposit box maintained by ANGELO TRATING CORPORATION at CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, Madison Square Branch, 45 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. Access authority revoked 7/22/48.

**JOHN H. PATKOLIS**

Safe-deposit box rented 4/11/41 at CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, Fifth Avenue Branch. Box surrendered 7/21/42.

**U.S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORP.**

Safe-deposit box rented 7/21/42 at CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, Fifth Avenue Branch. Box surrendered 2/20/47.

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Confidential Informant T-1 advised that his records reflected no evidence of any safe-deposit box maintained at his head office or any of the branches of his SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY in the names of EARL BROOKER, ELIOT UPHAM HARRIS, or GRACE P. REYNOLDS.

INVESTIGATION AT CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY  
Garfield Branch  
230 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Confidential Informant T-2 made available the records of the CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, Garfield Branch, relating to safe-deposit box 513-B, which box was rented in the name of U.S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, and which box was rented on July 21, 1942. It will be noted that the corporate safe-deposit box was rented on the same date that JOHN H. REYNOLDS surrendered his box to the same branch. The records reflect that the prepaid rental applicable to the REYNOLDS' box was applied toward partial payment of the rental of the safe-deposit box of the U.S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION. The annual rental for both boxes was \$10.00, according to the records.

A review of the file containing the corporation papers relating to authorizations for the various officers who would have access to the corporate safe-deposit box, disclosed that JOHN H. REYNOLDS, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, GRACE F. REYNOLDS and RAY ELSON had authorized access to safe-deposit box #513-B, as set out below:

Date Authorization  
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Name

Date Authorization  
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JOHN H. REYNOLDS, Pres.  
ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, V.P.-Sec.

1/11/43

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JOHN H. REYNOLDS, Pres.-Pres.  
ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, V.P.-Sec.  
GRACE F. REYNOLDS, Vice Pres.

4/6/45

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JOHN H. REYNOLDS, Pres.  
ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, Vice Pres.  
GRACE F. REYNOLDS, Vice Pres.  
RAY ELSON, Sec.

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JOHN H. REYNOLDS, Pres.-Treas.  
GEORGE F. REYNOLDS, Vice Pres.  
ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, V.P.-Sec.

2/3/47

1/29/47

JOHN H. REYNOLDS, Pres.  
GEORGE F. REYNOLDS, Vice Pres.

2/20/47

It will be noted that the safe-deposit box was surrendered by GEORGE F. REYNOLDS, acting for the corporation, on February 20, 1947, for the reason that the corporation had "no further use" for the box. It is noted further that the authorization papers received by the SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY on January 29, 1947 were dated January 25, 1947, and reflected the signature of CHARLES S. BARNETT as secretary of the corporation, in addition to the signature of JOHN H. REYNOLDS as president. There was no evidence among the records, however, that BARNETT ever had authority to enter the instant box.

The "access slips" relating to safe-deposit box #513-1 were examined for the period July 21, 1942 to February 20, 1947. It will be noted that each "access slip" contains spaces providing for the signature of the box holder, a date stamp, a time stamp reflecting the time the box was entered and the time the box was returned to the vault, a space in which is recorded the number of the booth in which the box holder examines his safe-deposit box, as well as the space for recording the number of persons who accompanied the box holder into the booth or into the vault. These slips which are numbered serially are signed by the vault attendant who permitted access to the box.

The following schedule reflects the SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY record of all visitations made to the box of the U.S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION during the instant period.

Access Slip No.	Date	Time		Visitor	Accompanying Persons	Vault Attendant
In	Out					
78533	7/21/42	10:16 AM	10:26 AM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	J. E. PUCKLEY
78544	7/21/42	11:52 AM	11:55 AM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	"
78562	7/22/42	12:15 PM	12:19 PM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	"
78648	7/29/42	10:55 AM	10:56 AM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	M. MICHEL
78800	8/6/42	11:13 AM	11:15 AM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	T. MAYLE
78795	8/6/42	9:25 AM	9:29 AM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	M. MICHEL
79171	9/2/42	2:54 PM	2:58 PM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	G. MURPHY
79254	9/9/42	1:55 PM	2:03 PM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	"
79493	9/24/42	3:51 PM	3:55 PM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	A. KILIZ
79666	10/2/42	1:45 PM	1:49 PM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	J. L. BUCKLEY
79687	10/5/42	10:41 AM	10:43 AM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	"
79894	10/16/42	11:04 AM	11:06 AM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	"
81089	12/2/42	10:30 AM	10:36 AM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	"
81184	12/28/42	10:33 AM	10:37 AM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	A. KILIZ
81597	1/15/43	3:55 PM	3:59 PM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	"
81744	1/22/43	3:28 PM	3:32 PM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	"
81730	1/22/43	12:43 PM	12:46 PM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	J. L. PUCKLEY
84802	6/25/43	12:16 PM	12:18 PM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	"
85521	7/31/43	11:18 AM	11:22 AM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	M. F. MURCH
86175	9/7/43	3:18 PM	3:23 PM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	"
86818	9/30/43	12:33 PM	12:35 PM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	J. L. BUCKLEY
87883	11/15/43	11:15 AM	11:31 AM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	"
89593	1/27/44	12:23 PM	12:24 PM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	M. A. HOSKINS
89610	1/28/44	11:11 AM	11:20 AM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	"
90296	2/23/44	10:20 AM	10:24 AM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	"
90305	2/23/44	11:54 AM	12:00 PM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	"
91259	3/31/44	12:59 PM	1/12 PM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	"
93021	6/16/44	11:29 AM	11:30 AM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	H. LAUTH
94143	7/27/44	12:46 PM	12:48 PM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	"
96724	11/22/44	12:46 PM	12:48 PM	JOHN H. REYNOLDS	0	"
98342	1/15/45	12:01 PM	12:09 PM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	M. A. HOSKINS
125	3/27/45	2:30 PM	2:37 PM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	0	"
295	4/3/45	10:40 AM	10:45 AM	ELIZ. T. BENTLEY	1	"
1521	5/2/45	2:33 PM	2:39 PM	RAY ELSON	0	E. E. LAYRS
17770	2/20/47	2:48 PM	2:54 PM	GRACE F. REYNOLDS (Mrs. JOHN H.)	0	"

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Confidential Informant T-2 advised that the "access slip" will reflect no information as to the number of persons accompanying a box holder into the bank unless the person or persons accompanying the box holder actually entered the booth and/or the vault with the box holder. T-2 stated that the SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY as a matter of policy, makes no effort whatever to identify persons accompanying a box holder, and that the box holder is entitled to permit anyone he or she desires to accompany said box holder into the booth or the vault.

It will be noted that the above schedule reflects no record of any persons accompanying RLYHOLDS, BENTLEY, EISAKI and Mrs. FITZGERALD, with the exception that on April 3, 1945, from 10:40 AM to 10:45 AM, one unidentified person accompanied ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY at the time she had access to the corporation box.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised further that his records reflect that JOHN H. RYHOLDS rented a safe-deposit box in his own name at the Fifth Avenue Branch of the CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, on April 24, 1941.

On April 25, 1941, according to the SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY records, RYHOLDS appointed ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY as his deputy to have access to his box, which was numbered 313-B. Both RYHOLDS and BENTLEY are indicated by the records to have had right of access to the box until July 21, 1942, on which date box 313-B was surrendered by RYHOLDS and the corporation box #513-B was rented.

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Confidential Informant T-1 made a search among appropriate records of the CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, for the purpose of attempting to establish the identities of the company employees who were on duty as vault attendants at the Fifth Avenue Branch of the company during the period, July 21, 1942 through May 22, 1945, and also as of February 20, 1947, it being noted the foregoing dates include all dates on which entry was had to the safe-deposit box of U.S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION. There follows a listing of the names of the pertinent company employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Period Stationed at Fifth Avenue Branch</u>	<u>Present Company Assignment</u>
JOHN EDWARD BUCKLEY	7/16/41-1/15/44	Grand Central Branch 422 Lexington Avenue New York City
MARTIN B. MICHEL	11/16/41-11/19/45	Audit Force, Head Office 18 Pine Street New York City

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Period Stationed at Fifth Avenue Branch</u>	<u>Present Company Assignment</u>
ALBERT KLEIN	10/6/42-5/10/43	Head Office 18 Pine Street New York City
WILLIAM F. MUNCH	5/12/43-11/15/43	Retired, 11/15/43
HENRY BAUM	11/15/43-1/12/45	Transferred Chase National Bank, Head Office, 18 Pine Street, New York City
R. A. HOSKINS	11/15/43-6/23/45	Resigned, 6/23/45
E. B. KATZ	1/12/45-2/24/47	Head Office 18 Pine Street New York City
NICHOLAS STONMEL	5/15/46-2/24/47	Garfield Branch 200 Fifth Avenue New York City

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that WILLIAM F. MUNCH, who retired from the CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY on November 15, 1943, is now employed, according to his most recent information, at the PENNSYLVANIA EXCHANGE BANK, 32nd Street and 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that R. A. HOSKINS resigned on June 23, 1945 to accept employment with "WILL J. PARKER, Secretary of a trade organization". He advised that on June 28, 1945, the SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY received an inquiry regarding HOSKINS from the AMERICAN SURETY COMPANY, 100 Broadway, New York, New York, relating to HOSKINS' contemplated employment with PARKER'S organization, which was not further identified. T-1 advised that as of June 23, 1945, HOSKINS' residence address was 109-17 208th Street, Queens Village, Queens, New York.

It is noted that the Queens Telephone Directory for 1948 reflects a listing of the same ROY A. HOSKINS at 109-17 208th Street; telephone number, HOLLIS 5-2704.

Inquiry was made of Confidential Informant T-1 regarding F. DOYLE and S. MURPHY, CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY employees whose names

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appeared on "access slips" relating to the U.S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION as of August 6, 1942 and September 2, 1942 respectively. T-1 stated that these individuals were FRANK DOYLE and SAMUEL MURPHY, neither of whom were regularly assigned to the Fifth Avenue Branch, but who in all probability, served at that branch as relief vault attendants for very short periods of time. T-1 advised that FRANK DOYLE retired recently and is no longer employed, to the best of his knowledge. He stated that DOYLE'S most recent address, according to his records, is 64 Columbia Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. T-1 stated that SAMUEL MURPHY is still employed by the CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY on the Audit Force of the Head Office, at 18 Pine Street, New York, New York.

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JOHN E. BUCKLEY, CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, Grand Central Branch, 422 Lexington Avenue, who was employed as vault attendant at the Fifth Avenue Branch of the CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY from July 16, 1941 through January 15, 1944, advised that he is completely unable to recall the names or any circumstances pertaining to U.S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION, JOHN H. REYNOLDS, GRACE F. REYNOLDS, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, or RAY ELSON. He stated that the volume of safe-deposit box entries at the Fifth Avenue Branch is very large and that he did not normally become acquainted with any of the box holders.

Photographs of LIEUT. UPHAM HARRIS and EARL BROWER were exhibited to BUCKLEY, without results pertinent to this case. He advised that he could not associate said photographs with any individuals that he had ever recalled having seen in the Fifth Avenue Branch, or in any other branch of the CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY. He stated that the photograph of HARRIS meant nothing whatever to him, but that he, of course, recognized BROWER'S photograph as a public figure who had received considerable newspaper publicity.

NICHOLAS CARL STOSSEL, CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, Garfield Branch, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, was interviewed with reference to his employment as vault attendant at the Fifth Avenue Branch, CHASE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, May 15, 1946 through February 24, 1947. It is noted that the only date on which the U.S. SERVICE SHIPPING CORPORATION safe-deposit box was entered while STOSSEL was on duty, was February 20, 1947, on which date GRACE F. REYNOLDS surrendered the box.

STOSSEL, who resides at 5976 68th Street, Maspeth, Long Island, New York, stated that as of February 20, 1947, the Fifth Avenue Branch was in the process of closing and moving its records for the purpose of consolidating the Fifth Avenue Branch with the Garfield Branch. He advised that during the latter part of January, and throughout February, until February 27, 1947, when the branch closed, his duties consisted principally of reporting to the Fifth Avenue Branch to open safe-deposit vaults, after which he would proceed to the Garfield Branch in connection with the setting up of the Fifth Avenue Branch records at the Garfield Branch. He advised definitely on February 20, 1947, at 2:48 P.M., at which time the subject corporation's box was entered, he was not in the Fifth Avenue Branch.

Photographs of LIEUT. UPHAM HARRIS and EARL BROWER were exhibited to STOSSEL, who advised that he had never seen either of these individuals in or outside of the bank, to the best of his knowledge.

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Investigation at 109-17 208th Street, Queens Village, the residence of ROY A. HOSKINS, reflected that no one was presently living at this address. Mrs. CHARLES PLASS, 109-12 208th Street, Queens Village, the next door neighbor of HOSKINS, advised that the HOSKINS family were spending a vacation at their summer cottage on Long Island. Mrs. PLASS was unable to state the exact whereabouts of this cottage, but advised it was her opinion that the HOSKINS family will return to New York City after the Labor Day holiday.

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The following investigation was conducted on September 1 and 2, 1947 by SAA Gerald J. VanHorn:

Investigation at Chase National Bank,  
Head Office,  
19 Pine Street,  
New York, New York

Confidential Informant T-4 made a search of the Central Files of the Head Office of the Chase National Bank for the purpose of determining whether any of the names listed below were indicated to have had accounts with the bank at any time. This search resulted as follows:

**ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY**

- Savings accounts #19308 opened January 24, 1944 at the Fifth Avenue Branch of the Chase National Bank; changed to savings account #19558 on April 6, 1946, "apparently due to BENTLEY's having lost her pass book"; changed to savings account #19808 on December 10, 1946, reason not indicated; transferred on March 11, 1947 at the Garfield Branch of the Chase National Bank, savings account #21-1879 and closed on July 1, 1947.

**EARL BRONDER**

- Closed account maintained prior to 1937 at Stuyvesant Square Branch of the Chase National Bank, which branch was subsequently sold to the Manufacturers Trust Company. It will be noted that investigation at the Manufacturers Trust Company disclosed that subsequent to 1937, BRONDER did not reopen this account.



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RAY ELSON (Mrs. JOSEPH ELSON) - Special checking account opened April 3, 1945 at the Fifth Avenue Branch of the Chase National Bank; transferred on September 12, 1946 to the Grand Central Branch of the Chase National Bank; and on September 9, 1947 converted into a joint special checking account with JOSEPH ELSON.

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- No record.

CLEMENT UPHAM HARRIS

- Checking account opened July 2, 1917 at Broad Street Branch of the Chase National Bank and closed on April 1, 1947.

GRACE P. REYNOLDS

- Open checking account maintained at 34th Street Branch of the Chase National Bank.

JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS

- Closed checking account at the Fifth Avenue Branch of the Chase National Bank. It will be noted that about the latter part of February, 1947 or early in March, 1947, the Fifth Avenue Branch was closed and absorbed by the Garfield Branch of the Chase National Bank.

UNITED STATES SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION

- Closed account at the Fifth Avenue Branch of the Chase National Bank, now the Garfield Branch.

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Investigation at the Archives of the  
Chase National Bank,  
173 Pearl Street,  
New York, New York

The investigation set out below was conducted for the purpose of determining, if possible, the nature and source of the funds (\$20,000) representing the paid-in capital of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation, which funds were determined to have been deposited to the corporate account during March, 1941.

The ledger sheets pertaining to the checking account of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation, 212 Fifth Avenue, Room 1909, New York, New York were examined. It is noted that this account was originally opened and maintained at the Fifth Avenue Branch of the Chase National Bank.

The ledger sheets reflect that the opening deposit in the account was made on March 4, 1941 in the amount of \$10,000. The only other deposits made in March, 1941 consisted of \$3,000 on March 5, 1941 and \$2,000 on March 20, 1941. These three items, it will be noted, total \$20,000, which has been ascertained to have been the paid-in capitalization of the corporation. No checks were charged against this account during March, 1941 in excess of \$100, with the exception of a check paid on March 5, 1941 in the amount of \$10,000. The balance in the account as of March 31, 1941 was \$8,962.99.

The deposit tickets pertaining to the above deposits were not available for examination for the reason that the Chase National Bank maintains a Destruction Program providing for the destruction of all deposit tickets after seven years. No deposit tickets relating to this account are available in the Archives prior to April 14, 1941.

It is noted that "general ledger tickets", including debit memoranda and credit memoranda, such as, cable transfers, etc., are retained for a period of eight years, while individual ledger sheets are retained for ten years.

It is pointed out that the Chase National Bank does not use the Recordak System and that there is not available any film record of checks drawn against accounts or deposited in accounts in the Chase National Bank.

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The ledger sheets pertaining to the account of JOHN H. REYNOLDS, 212 Fifth Avenue, Room 1900, New York, New York were examined. The records disclosed that the opening deposit in this account was made on April 7, 1941 in the amount of \$1,500.

It was noted that it was subsequently determined from Confidential Informant T-5 that this opening deposit consisted of a check for \$1,500 drawn by JOHN H. REYNOLDS on his personal account at the Bank of New York, Madison Avenue and 63rd Street, New York, New York.

The only sizable deposits made in this account during the period April 7, 1941 and June 30, 1941 were as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
April 7, 1941	\$ 1,500
April 15, 1941	202
May 1, 1941	300
May 15, 1941	400
May 20, 1941	2,000
May 29, 1941	500
June 12, 1941	500
June 30, 1941	500

No attempt is being made at this time to examine any deposit tickets relating to the above deposits.

During the same period, April 7, 1941 to June 30, 1941, miscellaneous small checks were paid in the account, there being one large item of \$1,000 paid on May 23, 1941.

The balance of the account as of June 30, 1941 was \$1,972.43.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA (A) GERALD J. VAN DORN on September 3, 1948:

**INVESTIGATION AT CHASE NATIONAL BANK  
34th Street Branch  
40 West 34th Street  
New York, New York**

Confidential Informant T-5 was contacted at the 34th Street Branch of the CHASE NATIONAL BANK with reference to the accounts pertaining to GRACE F. RYNOLES and/or JOHN H. RYNOLES, for the purpose of attempting to locate a record of a deposit, probably cash, of about \$7,000.00, and the record of the payment of a check for \$8,000.00 sometime early in March, 1941 or thereabouts.

T-5 made available the ledger sheets for the account of Mrs. GRACE F. RYNOLES, 825 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, and for the joint Special Account of GRACE F. RYNOLES and/or JOHN H. RYNOLES, 825 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. These sheets were reviewed for the period February 1, 1941 through April 30, 1941. No check in the amount of \$8,000.00 was paid in either account during the period. The largest check being paid during the period was a check for \$2,000, paid on March 6, 1941 in the joint Special Account. No deposit approximating \$7,000.00 was noted in either account during the period. Deposits in the account of GRACE F. RYNOLES were nominal while the deposits in the joint Special Account consisted principally of \$2,000.00 deposited each month within the first three days of the month.

In view of the specific nature of this inquiry, no further investigation was conducted.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA (A) CLARENCE J. VAN DYKE on September 2, 1942:

Confidential Informant T-4 made available a transcript of the account of LEONARD UPHAM HARRIS, maintained at the Broad Street Branch of the CHASE NATIONAL BANK, 11 Broad Street, New York, New York. This transcript covers the period January 1, 1941 through December 31, 1941.

A review of the transcript disclosed this account to be extremely inactive, the balance as of January 1, 1941 being \$2,552.21; deposits during the period consisting of four deposits in the amount of \$25.00 each; only one check being paid in the account during the two-year period, an item of \$1,000.00 paid on September 23, 1942, and the balance as of September 23, 1942, \$1,652.21. There was no activity subsequent to this date, the balance as of December 31, 1942 being the same.

The instant transcript relating to HARRIS' account is being retained in this case file.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS G. SPENCER at the Chase National Bank, Garfield Branch, 23rd Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City. In an effort to determine the source of the funds paid by JOHN H. REYNOLDS through ELIZABETH T. DEATLEY to EARL BROWDER, the personal checking account of JOHN H. REYNOLDS at the above mentioned bank was examined and the following schedule is set forth:

PAYMENTS MADE TO EARL BROWDER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6/10/46	\$ 200.00
6/21/46	200.00
6/26/46	300.00
7/11/46	250.00
7/18/46	250.00
7/25/46	250.00
8/1/46	550.00
9/3/46	500.00
10/1/46	500.00

WITHDRAWALS (CHECKS) ON PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF JOHN H. REYNOLDS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Unidentified	
6/19/46	\$ 300.00
6/25/46	300.00
7/20/46	250.00
Unidentified	
7/24/46	250.00
Unidentified	
8/28/46	500.00
9/30/46	500.00

A review of the financial records of the U. S. SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION reflects that dividends were paid in the amount of \$8000.00 in amounts of \$2000.00, \$2000.00 and \$4000.00 covering the period from July 2, 1946 to November 27, 1946. In an effort to determine the depository of these dividend checks, the personal account of JOHN H. REYNOLDS at the Chase National Bank, Garfield Branch, was examined and as a result of this examination the following schedule is set forth:

DIVIDENDS PAID

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/2/46	\$2000.00
10/1/46	2000.00
11/27/46	4000.00

DEPOSITS IN THE JOHN H. REYNOLDS PERSONAL ACCOUNT AT CHASE NATIONAL BANK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/2/46	\$3,308.00
10/1/46	2,000.00
11/27/46	4,000.00

The deposit ticket in the amount of \$3,308.00 mentioned above was not immediately available; however, since the dividends of November 27 and October 1, 1946 were immediately deposited in REYNOLDS'

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personal account at the Chase National Bank, it is believed that the deposit on July 2, 1946 in the amount of \$3,308.00 constitutes a dividend check of \$2000.00 augmented by other items, making up the total of \$3,308.00.

During the investigation of Mrs. RAY ELSON in the GREGORY CASE, Mr. J. C. HEADDEN of the Comptroller's Department, National City Bank, 55 Wall Street, New York City, advised that Mrs. ELSON had what is known as a Special Checking Account at various branches of the National City Bank, and over a period of years had her accounts at the Fifth Avenue Branch, their Washington Square Branch, their 51st Street Branch, and the last account she had, which was closed in April 1945, was at their East Midtown Branch, 42nd Street, New York City.

An examination of her account was made and it was noted that her deposits were made on the average of once or twice a month, such deposits never being in excess of \$60.00. The only withdrawals made against the account were usually one or two checks, approximately in the amount of \$50.00 to \$60.00.

The files of the New York Office do not reflect any known banking connections of Mrs. ELSON since 1945.

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The following information was furnished to SAA JACOB I. BROWN by Confidential Informant T-3 at the Bank of New York and Fifth Avenue Bank, 63rd Street and Madison Avenue, New York City.

Checking accounts are maintained by JOHN H. REYNOLDS, GRACE F. REYNOLDS; there are also maintained accounts in the names of GRACE F. REYNOLDS, Special, JOHN H. and/or GRACE F. REYNOLDS, Joint Special Account, and GRACE F. REYNOLDS, Luncheon Account.

The account of JOHN H. REYNOLDS was opened June 1, 1928. The balance in the account on June 2, 1941 was \$2,290.95. The following items which are pertinent to this investigation were noted. On March 4, 1941 there was deposited \$2000.00 in cash. The deposit ticket reflects that this consisted of \$2000.00 in \$20 bills, \$2000.00 in \$10 bills, \$1000.00 in \$50 bills and \$3000 in \$1000 bills.

On March 18, 1941 there was a mail deposit in the amount of \$3500.00, consisting of three checks as follows: \$2000.00, \$1000.00, \$500.00. The \$2000.00 check above noted was given immediate credit, indicating that it came from instant bank.

Withdrawals from the account pertinent to this investigation were noted as follows: On March 5, 1941 there was charged against the account an item of \$10,000.00. Examination of Recordak film disclosed that this item was Check No. 3739 dated March 4, 1941. The payee was noted as the Chase National Bank. On March 21, 1941 a charge of \$2000.00 to the account was reflected as consisting of Check No. 3768 dated March 20, 1941. The payee on this check was the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation. On April 8, 1941 there was a charge to the account in the amount of \$1500.00. Examination of the records of the bank reflected that this consisted of Check No. 3792 dated April 7, 1941 payable to the Chase National Bank.

The account of JOHN H. REYNOLDS and/or GRACE F. REYNOLDS, Joint Special Account, was opened February 4, 1932. Examination of the deposits to this account for the period January 2, 1941 to March 31, 1941 failed to reflect any large cash deposits which would be pertinent to this investigation.

On February 27, 1941 Check No. 100 dated February 26, 1941 in the amount of \$3000.00, payable to JOHN H. REYNOLDS was drawn against this account. A corresponding deposit in the amount of \$3000.00 was noted under date of February 27, 1941 in the account of JOHN H. REYNOLDS previously discussed.



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On March 18, 1941 Check No. 101 dated March 17, 1941 in the amount of \$2000.00 payable to JOHN H. REYNOLDS was drawn against the Joint Special Account. This item corresponds to the deposit of March 18, 1941 in the account of JOHN H. REYNOLDS previously noted.

The account of GRACE F. REYNOLDS which was opened on January 13, 1930 and closed December 5, 1941 was examined. There was no activity noted in the account from January 2, 1941 through March 31, 1941, the balance remaining constant at \$339.09.

The GRACE F. REYNOLDS Special Account was opened September 12, 1941. The balance as of January 2, 1941 was \$13,391.56. An examination of this account for the period January 2, 1941 through March 31, 1941 failed to reflect items pertinent to this investigation.

The GRACE F. REYNOLDS Luncheon Account was closed in April 1938.

The JOHN H. REYNOLDS account was examined for the months of June through November 1946, inclusive. The following deposits were noted during this period:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
June 10, 1946	\$ 250.00
July 3, 1946	533.00
July 8, 1946	1,000.00
August 1946	0.00
September 1946	0.00
October 1946	0.00
November 1946	0.00

The ledger sheets reflect that the following checks in amounts of \$100.00 or over during this period:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
June 1946	0.00
July 8, 1946	100.00
July 10, 1946	215.00
August 1946	0.00
September 1946	0.00
October 1, 1946	200.00
October 10, 1946	300.00
November 12, 1946	100.00

The GRACE F. REYNOLDS Special Account was examined for the period June 1946 through November 1946, inclusive. The balance in this account as of June 1, 1946 was \$11,461.82. The account reflected the following activity:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 1946	\$ 0.00
July 3, 1946	750.00
August 1946	0.00
September 1946	0.00
October 1946	0.00
November 8, 1946	1,500.00

WITHDRAWALS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 21, 1946	\$ 300.00
July 1946	0.00
August 1946	0.00
September 1946	0.00
October 1946	0.00
November 1946	0.00

The above is the entire activity in this account.

The GRACE F. REYNOLDS and/or JOHN H. REYNOLDS Joint Special Account was examined for the period of June 1946 through November 1946 inclusive. The balance of the account as of June 1, 1946 was \$8,518.00.

DEPOSITS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 1946	0.00
July 1946	0.00
August 1946	0.00
September 1946	0.00
October 7, 1946	100.00
November 13, 1946	11,839.00
November 27, 1946	3,723.26

WITHDRAWALS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 7, 1946	\$ 425.00
June 12, 1946	125.00
July 25, 1946	350.00
August 1946	0.00
September 1946	0.00
October 19, 1946	100.00
November 1, 1946	750.00
November 19, 1946	7,900.00
November 22, 1946	140.00
November 25, 1946	4,000.00

The above is the entire activity reflected in this account.

One of the purposes of examining this account was to determine, if possible, the source of the funds paid by REYNOLDS to EARL BROWDER. Examination of these accounts reflected only one possible item that might possibly be identified with the transactions between REYNOLDS and BROWDER. It is noted from the examination of the GRACE F. REYNOLDS Special Account that on June 21, 1946 there was a withdrawal of \$300.00. On June 26, 1946, it will be noted, \$300.00 was paid to EARL BROWDER and there is some possibility that these two items may possibly be identical.

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On September 2, 1946, SA THOMAS G. SPENCER reviewed the general correspondence files and other office records of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation, which were obtained from MR. CHARLES RABINOWITZ, of the law firm of Clark, Carr and Ellis, 120 Broadway, New York City.

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A review of the files of the New York Office reflects that the following amounts of money were paid to EARL BREWSTER or his brothers, WILLIAM and WALDO BREWSTER by ELIZABETH T. SHERIDAN. It will be recalled that these funds were paid to EARL BREWSTER at the request of JOHN H. LYNCH and said payments were made in cash.

June 10, 1946	\$ 200.00
June 21, 1946	200.00
June 26, 1946	300.00
July 11, 1946	250.00
July 18, 1946	250.00
July 25, 1946	250.00
August 1, 1946	550.00
September 3, 1946	500.00
October 1, 1946	500.00
Total	\$3000.00

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The following investigation was conducted by SAA Albert T.

An examination of the books and records of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation indicate [REDACTED]

Date

Amount

Total

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Total

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(b)(e)

Date

Number of Shares

Amount

Total

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The books were reviewed and dividends paid in view of the previous information furnished by BENTLEY to the effect that BENTLEY was concerned as to the manner in which he could extract cash from the corporation to repay his loan from HARRIS. BENTLEY indicated at that time that

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REYNOLDS decided to cover payments on this loan by the payment of dividends from USSS.

The books and records of USSS reflect the following:

Date

Check Number

Amount

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Total

The above information was obtained from the Cash Disbursements Book and check stubs of USSS.

The cancelled checks for the corporate account at the Chase National Bank, Fifth Avenue Branch for the period 1941 through 1946 were not contained in the books and records of USSS turned over to this office. Consequently, the disposition of the above \$1,000 in checks was not obtainable from these records.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA Joseph H. Kelly dated September 3, 1964 at New York, New York are as follows:

T-1

HENRY P. STEITZ, Assistant Controller,  
The Chase Safe Deposit Company, Head Office,  
18 Pine Street, New York, N. Y.

T-2

GEORGE FISCHER, Assistant Manager,  
Oakfield Branch, The Chase Safe Deposit  
Company, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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Mr. ROY CLARK, Vice-President, Bank of  
New York and Fifth Avenue Bank,  
Madison Avenue and 63 Street, New York, N. Y.

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CARL WEISS, Foreign Department,  
Chase National Bank, Head Office,  
18 Pine Street, New York, N. Y.

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HOWARD MENUS, Assistant Manager,  
34th Street Branch, Chase National Bank,  
40 West 34 Street, New York, N. Y.

The identities of the above individuals are being protected in accordance with the policy of the New York Division to protect the identities of sources of information in local banks.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 27, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION  
REGISTRATION ACT

Rebulet dated August 24, 1948. Mr. ST. C. MOSES, former Chief of the U.S. Branch, Commerce Department, is presently located at 693 Broad Street, Stratford, Connecticut.

The following information is set forth for the information of the New Haven Office. By reference letter the Bureau advised that the Department had advised that it is making a study of the information developed with reference to the United States Service and Shipping Corporation for the purpose of determining whether it would be possible to institute prosecution under the Registration Act. The Department is further considering the presentation of such evidence as may be available to the Federal Grand Jury in New York City on or about September 14, 1948, that bore the facts in the Gregory Case.

Attached to reference letter as an enclosure were copies of correspondence from ELIZABETH BENTLEY to Mr. APAS at the Department of Commerce which are self explanatory. This enclosure is being forwarded, together with a copy of this communication, to the New Haven Office.

The Bureau has directed that Mr. RAY S should be interviewed immediately and an effort made to obtain from him all possible information in his possession concerning the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. It should also be determined from him whether ELIZABETH BENTLEY personally called at the Department of Commerce and if so, who accompanied her.

Inasmuch as this investigation is being conducted upon specific instructions from the Department, this matter should be given expeditious attention and a report submitted immediately.

The Bureau, New York and Washington Offices should be advised of the results of this interview.

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BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE CRIMINAL DIVISION ALL INFORMATION IN THE POSSESSION OF THE BUREAU CONCERNING WORLD TOURISTS INCORPORATED IN ORDER THAT IT CAN BE DETERMINED WHETHER ANY OF THE RECORDS OF WORLD TOURISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSIDERATION IN THIS CASE. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO REVIEW YOUR FILES AND BE CERTAIN THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THE POSSESSION OF YOUR OFFICE CONCERNING WORLD TOURISTS INCORPORATED HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU. YOU ARE FURTHER INSTRUCTED TO COMPLETE THE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY THE CRIMINAL DIVISION AS SET FORTH ABOVE AND SUBMIT THE RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION TO REACH THE BUREAU BY SEPTEMBER THREE, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. I FURTHER DESIRE THAT I BE KEPT ADVISED DAILY OF THE PROGRESS OF THIS INVESTIGATION. I WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY EXCUSES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH MY INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MATTER. CONFIRMATION FOLLOWS.

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SAC, NEW YORK

ISSUED FOR THESE BOOKS AND RECORDS, INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CANCELLED CHECKS AND OTHER BANK RECORDS OF THE CORPORATION. MR. BANNERMAN SHOULD BE QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER THE CORPORATION OR ANY OF THE OFFICERS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE HAD ANY SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES AND THEIR WHEREABOUTS SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED. IT IS ALSO DESIRED THAT THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK BE CONTACTED TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON ANY RECORDS THEY MIGHT HAVE ON THIS CORPORATION OR ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS SO THAT A SUBPOENA CAN BE ISSUED FOR SUCH RECORDS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAS INFORMATION AS TO WHICH BRANCH BANK US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION OR JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS MAINTAINED A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THE CORPORATION. IT IS DESIRED THAT THE SAFE DEPOSIT RECORDS OF THIS BRANCH OF THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK BE EXAMINED FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING VISITS MADE TO THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX. IN THIS CONNECTION THERE SHOULD ALSO BE DETERMINED THE NAMES OF ALL EMPLOYEES SINCE NINETEEN FORTYONE WHO HAD CHARGE OF ADMISSION OF PERSONS TO THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX. THE CRIMINAL DIVISION HAS SUGGESTED THAT IF THERE ARE ANY INQUIRIES CONCERNING THIS MATTER, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE INVESTIGATION CENTERS IN NEW YORK CITY, YOUR OFFICE SHOULD CONTACT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO ARE WORKING ON THIS MATTER IN NEW YORK CITY. THE BUREAU WAS INFORMED THAT MR. DONEGAN WILL CONTACT MR. BELMONT OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE CONCERNING THIS MATTER. IN ADDITION THE BUREAU HAS

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*United States*  
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ON AUGUST THIRTY, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT THE CRIMINAL DIVISION REQUESTED AN INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING EVIDENCE AS TO A POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE REGISTRATION ACT ON THE PART OF US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION AND THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS, MRS. RAY ELSON, ANATOLE GROMOV, LEM HARRIS, EARL BROWDER AND ELIZABETH BENTLEY. THE CRIMINAL DIVISION POINTED OUT THAT THE US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION AT THE TIME OF ITS INCORPORATION IN NEW YORK IN FEBRUARY OF NINETEEN FORTYONE WAS REPRESENTED BY THE LAW FIRM OF CLARK, CARR AND ELLIS, A LARGE NEW YORK LAW FIRM LOCATED IN THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT OF NEW YORK CITY. THIS FIRM CONTINUED TO REPRESENT BOTH US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION AND JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION. AT ONE TIME ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS FIRM NAMED CARR WAS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION. SUBSEQUENTLY A MR. BANNERMAN WHO WAS ALSO A PARTNER IN THIS LAW FIRM WAS AN OFFICER OF THE US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION. THE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY THE CRIMINAL DIVISION IS AS FOLLOWS: IN ORDER THAT EVIDENCE MAY BE PRESENTED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY IT IS REQUESTED THAT MR. BANNERMAN OF CLARK, CARR AND ELLIS BE CONTACTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING

THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THIS INCORPORATION. AS SOON AS

INFORMATION IS OBTAINED MR. BANNERMAN CAN BE ADVISED THAT A SUBPOENA WILL BE

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Miss Gandy

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

SAC, New York

August 31, 1948

Director, FBI

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U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION  
REGISTRATION ACT

Remytel this date. Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated August 30, 1948, received by the Bureau from the Criminal Division which reflects the investigation requested by the Criminal Division in this matter.

This investigation is considered of vital importance at this time. In regard to the instructions set forth in my referenced teletype you are again advised that this matter should receive constant and immediate attention and that the results of your investigation reach the Bureau by September 3, 1948.

You are instructed to advise the Bureau daily by teletype of the progress of your investigation in this matter. I wish to again call to your attention that the deadline of September 3, 1948, must be met by your Office and I will not accept any excuses for failure to comply with these instructions.

You are instructed to forward the results of your investigation to the Bureau special delivery in a separate envelope, rather than by boxed mail as experience has shown that envelope mail receives more expeditious attention in the Post Office Department at Washington, D. C.

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# F.B.I. RADIOGRAM

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FROM NEW HAVEN 9-2-48 NR 021330

9-46 AM

DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION, REGISTRATION ACT.  
RUC REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT ARTHUR R. STEVENS, MADE AT NEW HAVEN  
SEPTEMBER FIRST, FORTYEIGHT SUBMITTED S. D. BUREAU THIS MORNING.

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Chief and Attorney General  
Alexander M. Campbell  
Criminal Division  
Director, FBI

September 1, 1948

THE GEORGETOWN CASE

UNITED STATES SERVICE AND  
SHIPPING CORPORATION  
REGISTRATION ACT

58415

Reference is made to your conversation on August 20, 1948 with Assistant Director D. M. Ladd of this Bureau and your memorandum dated August 20, 1948 concerning the captioned matter.

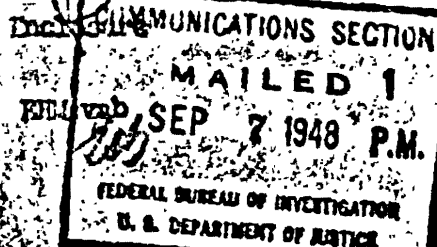
Pursuant to your request there are attached hereto the following investigative reports reflecting the results of the investigation conducted by this Bureau relative to this matter. There are also attached photostatic copies of data which are referred to in the Washington Field Office report, which data was obtained from the Department of Commerce.

Report of Special Agent Robert E. Leonard dated September 3, 1948 at Washington, D. C. and enclosures.

Report of Special Agent Arthur R. Stevens dated September 1, 1948 at New Haven, Connecticut.

Report of Special Agent Joseph E. Kelly dated September 3, 1948 at New York City.

I would appreciate being advised whether you desire any additional investigation in connection with this matter.



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: September 9, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd

Time of Call: 12:50 PM

SUBJECT: U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION  
REGISTRATION ACT

584114

ASAC Belmont called to furnish information supplied by Tom Donegan concerning the latest conference with the Attorney General yesterday, September 8, 1948, relative to the captioned case. Mr. Donegan has advised that the Attorney General wishes to consider the case further here in Washington and will let Mr. Donegan know at the end of this week what he, the Attorney General, thinks.

Mr. Donegan has advised that it was the consensus at the conference that the case involves a mere technical violation. He further stated that the conference felt that prosecution might not be worthwhile since Jacob Golos is dead and they could not name him; since they could not name the informant Gregory; since ~~Lone~~ Harris was merely a messenger; since Roy Elson was only a minor figure and since Reynolds did not know actually what the company was doing. The conference felt that the only two people remaining would be Earl Browder and Gromov, the latter being in Russia as you know.

Mr. Donegan stated that during the conference the Attorney General wanted to know the earnings of the corporation since they might prove something, particularly if any money had been earned. This would give rise to the presumption that there would have been no reason for the corporation to keep going unless for some ulterior motive.

ASAC Belmont said that he gave the earnings of the corporation to Donegan, who would call in the figures to the Department.

ASAC Belmont will advise of any new developments.

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cc - Mr. Fletcher  
Mr. Whitson

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Donegan

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. WHITSON

DATE: September 10, 1948

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

58413

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tom Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, called from the Department on September 8, 1948 and stated that the Department had not been able to find a copy of the report showing an interview with Mr. Ropes of the Department of Commerce.

I advised Mr. Donegan that reports had been sent to the Department covering this matter, but at his request I furnished him an additional copy of the report of Special Agent A. R. Stevens, dated at New Haven 9/1/48.

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92	9/1/48	LETTER LADD TO LAUGHLIN	1	1	
93	-	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	1	1	SEE SERIAL 3661X-65-56402
94	-	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	-	-	" " 3620X-65-56402
95	9/20/48	LETTER LADD TO HQ	2	2	
96	9/30/48	LETTER HQ TO ANG	2	2	1 N.C.
97	2/26/53	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	1	1	SEE SERIAL - 2 - 134-435
98	8/31/48	MEMO W/ENCL.	17	17	
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99	2/26/53	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	1	1	SEE: 134-435-3
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109	1/22/51	" "	1	1	SERIAL IN - 100-23331-14X
110	2/26/53	" "	1	1	SEE - 134-435-30
111	"	" "	-	-	SEE - 134-435-31
112	"	" "	-	-	" " " -33
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117	2/26/53	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	1	1	SEE - 134-435-73
NR	5/9/51	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
-	5/11/51	SEARCH SLIPS	3	3	
118	5/62/51	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	13	10	REFERRED
119	2/26/53	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	1	1	SEE - 134-435-44
120	2/26/53	" " "	1	1	SEE - 65-56402-3916X
121	"	" " "	-	-	" " " - 3916X1
122	2/26/53	" " "	7	7	SEE - 134-435-76
123	"	" " "	-	-	" " " - 51
124	2/26/53	" " "	1	1	SEE - 65-56402-3882X
125	2/26/53	" " "	1	1	SEE - 134-435-53
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NR	8/8/51	LETTER NY TO HQ	5	0	Referred
NR	2/14/52	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	Best copy available
NR	1/30/52	LETTER BOV. AGENCY TO HQ	2	0	Referred
NR	2/14/52	LETTER HQ TO AGENCY	2	2	Best copy available
NR	3/12/52	LETTER NY TO HQ	2	2	
NR	4/4/52	LETTER HQ TO AGENCY	2	2	
126	4/13/52	LETTER AG TO HQ	1	0	Referred
126	5/9/52	LETTER - HQ TO NY	7	0	Referred
127	2/26/53	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	1	1	SEE 134-435-55
128	2/26/53	"CHANGED TO MEMO	1	1	" " " -57
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130	2/26/53	CHANGED TO MEMO	-	-	SEE 134-435-60
NR	6/16/52	LETTER WFO TO HQ	2	0	REFERRED
131	6/8/52	LETTER AAG TO HQ - W/COPI	2	0	REFERRED
131 OUT.	8/14/52	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
132	8/14/52	LETTER HQ TO AAG	1	1	
NR	8/19/52	LETTER HQ TO AAG	1	1	
133	2/26/53	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	1	1	SEE 134-435-61
134	2/26/53	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	-	-	SEE 134-435-67
135	10/15/52	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	

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Director, FBI

September 9, 1948

SAC, New York City

GREGORY  
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REGISTRATION ACT

UNITED STATES Service and Shipping Corp.

Re report SA Joseph V. Kelly dated September 3, 1948.

On September 9, 1948, Mr. Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, advised that while conferring with Attorney General Clark on September 8, 1948, in connection with instant matter, the Attorney General requested that he be advised of the profit or loss earned by the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation during its corporate existence. Inasmuch as this information is readily available from financial records of the corporation, on September 2, 1948, an examination of the audit and loss statements was made and the following recapitulation of the finances of the corporation was prepared by Special Agent (A) Albert T. Healy:

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New York, N. Y.

The foregoing data were furnished to Mr. Donegan on this date, and as he had been requested, he furnished these figures telephonically to Assistant Attorney General Alexander Campbell of the Criminal Division.

cc - Washington Field

TO : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

DATE: September 2, 1948

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

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SUBJECT: ~~GREGORY CASE~~

*U.S. Service & Shipping Corp. Reg Act.*

Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

On August 30, 1948, I received a telephone call from Mr. Alexander Campbell in the Department who referred to the possible Registration Act violation being considered against the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. He requested that the inquiry at the Department of Commerce, which had previously been requested, be expedited.

In connection with this matter, he informed me that he was assigning Mr. Fred Strine and Mr. George Kneip to go to New York to assist Mr. Donegan.

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DATE: September 20, 1948

TO : THE DIRECTOR  
 FROM : D. M. LADD  
 SUBJECT : GREGORY

Mr. F. J. Donegan called me from New York today in connection with the above entitled matter. He stated that a week or so ago he had conferred with the Department relative to the possible Registration Act case against the U. S. Shipping and Service Company, that the Department had taken it under advisement and advised that they would inform Mr. Donegan of their decision, that as yet, he has not had any reply. He stated that Friday night, September 17, he had received a telephone call from Mr. Peyton Ford of the Department asking Donegan to meet the Attorney General at Monticello, New York, where the Attorney General had gone to make a speech. As a result, Donegan stated he had seen the Attorney General at 2:30 Sunday morning.

The Attorney General asked Donegan whether the Grand Jury could return a presentment. Mr. Donegan stated he advised the Attorney General that a presentment could be returned but if the Grand Jury did decide to this, it would probably be critical of the Perlo situation (This being the question of Treasury's retaining Perlo on the payroll for an extended period after the information was available.) The Attorney General informed Mr. Donegan that this was based on a request of the Director that certain of the employees be left pending an investigation. Mr. Donegan stated he advised the Attorney General that this was not the way he understood it, that this whole matter had been gone into before and that to his knowledge the Bureau had not made any such request. The Attorney General said he had a note from the Director on this. (The Attorney General was apparently referring to a longhand note of the Director on a memorandum transmitting one of the summaries to the Department in which longhand note the Director suggested that dissemination of the information be kept to a minimum.) Mr. Donegan stated he suggested that it might be well to call Elizabeth Bentley back before the Grand Jury to see if the corporation had been used as a tool by this group, but that the Attorney General did not reach any decision as to the Registration Act case.

Mr. Donegan stated he received a telephone call from Vincent Quinn, the Attorney General having called Quinn and asked him to get in touch with Donegan to discuss the case with him. Donegan was somewhat incensed to think the Attorney General was asking Quinn to have Donegan keep the Grand Jury lined up. Mr. Donegan stated he feels as a result of the interview that if a presentment is returned there will be some criticism of inactivity.

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Mr. Donegan further informed me that he received a telephone call today from Ray Whearty in the Department who stated that Dr. Jensen, President of the Board of Education in New York, wanted information concerning Alexander Koral's testimony before the Grand Jury inasmuch as Koral was working for the Board of Education. Mr. Whearty wanted to know about furnishing this information to Dr. Jensen. Mr. Donegan stated he advised Mr. Whearty that he did not oppose the furnishing of such information but that it would have to be obtained legally by a court order if it was furnished and that if this was done in this case, it would be establishing a precedent for future cases.

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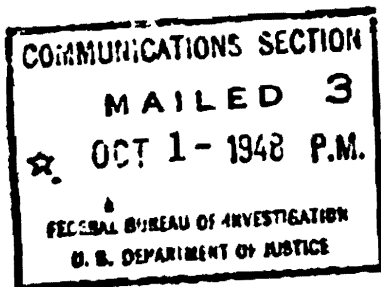
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Not Possible Indictment of Service  
and Shipping Corp. under the  
Foreign Agents Registration Act

The testimony that should be expected in such a case will  
be briefly set forth at the beginning of this memorandum under  
the names of the respective witnesses.

ELIZABETH HENTLEY HENTLEY

HENTLEY became a regular member of the Communist Party in  
March 1935 while doing postgraduate work at Columbia University.  
She was keeping her activities up to the time when U. S. Service  
and Shipping enters the picture through Communist Party Headquarters. She did not  
discern his true identity until the end of 1939 when she discovered  
who he was and that he was President and sole owner of World  
Tourists, Inc.

HENTLEY performed various services for GOLOS both before  
and after learning his identity. She can identify him definitely  
if her word is believed, as a Russian espionage agent, and

BROWDER were looking for someone to head a front organization for  
the Communist Party, and in the fall of 1940 GOLOS explained to  
HENTLEY the idea of creating an American corporation which would  
handle tourists, shipping, and other matters between the United  
States and Russia. GOLOS told HENTLEY he had discussed the  
matter with EARL BROWDER and they were looking for someone to  
head the proposed corporation. GOLOS also told her that BROWDER  
had discussed the matter with LEO HARRIS.

HARRIS introduced JOHN H. REYNOLDS to BROWDER after the  
latter had asked him to find him a business man for this corpora-  
tion. As a result of this meeting with BROWDER, the corporation  
was formed on February 20, 1941. The total capital put up was  
\$20,000, of which HENTLEY says \$15,000 was put up by BROWDER for  
the Communist Party. The remaining \$5,000 was put in by REYNOLDS  
personally.

BENTLEY believes that it was Communist Party money, but she admits that there were conflicting stories as to whether it was that or was contributed by a wealthy sympathizer. In any event, HARRIS did in fact deliver \$15,000 to REYNOLDS.

In April 1941, the corporation started business in New York, consisting basically of shipping packages to Russia under licenses obtained by means of a contract negotiated with Intourist, a branch of Amtorg in Moscow. REYNOLDS was President and Treasurer, BENTLEY was Vice-President and Secretary, MAX SPECTOR was Assistant Treasurer, and one of the directors was the senior partner of REYNOLDS' law firm, REID L. CARR. REYNOLDS also became Vice-President of World Tourists, Inc. GOLOS' corporation. REYNOLDS had first met GOLOS in November 1940.

REYNOLDS and GOLOS became very close friends but, although he indicated to BENTLEY that he knew GOLOS had very big shot connections in RUSSIA and in American Communist circles, he never indicated that he knew GOLOS was a Russian espionage agent.

In December 1942, REYNOLDS went on active duty as a Major in the Army and was discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel about June 1, 1946. When he went on active duty, BENTLEY took over the affairs of U. S. Service and Shipping and ran it from then on. REYNOLDS had very little to do with the business during this time.

Before and during the time when BENTLEY assumed actual direction of the corporation, she was extremely active in espionage work for Russia. The bulk of it will not be set forth in this memorandum. However, she was a Vice-President of U. S. Service and Shipping during nearly all of the pertinent period.

GOLOS was her Russian contact until he died on November 25, 1943. Thereafter "Bill" and "Jack", neither of whom have



never been identified, were her Russian contacts. In the fall of 1944 BENTLEY demanded to meet someone higher up and Jack introduced her to "Al" who was Anatoli B. Gromov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy, until he returned to Russia in December 1945. She met Al eight or ten times.

In early 1945, "Jack" asked BENTLEY to contact BROWDER and discuss with him the possibility of setting up a cover company of some kind, to serve as a front for an unidentified Russian agent. "Jack" said BROWDER should select as a front for the business someone whose normal activities would cloak the exchange of considerable money. BENTLEY took the matter up with BROWDER, who was to discuss it with a certain individual, identity unknown to BENTLEY, who had been suggested to the Russians by a Communist official. BROWDER was reluctant to approach this individual, indicating to BENTLEY that the man was useful to him already.

About the same time "Al" and "Jack" began telling BENTLEY she should get out of U.S. Service and Shipping. "Al" finally told her she would have to do so immediately, and also disassociate herself from World Tourists. MRS. RAY ELSON, a Communist active in espionage work, was finally chosen by the Russians and "Jack" introduced her to BENTLEY. ELSON, according to "Jack," would be a reliable replacement for BENTLEY in U.S. Service and Shipping. ELSON was accordingly hired and BENTLEY broke her in before leaving the corporation. The reason for replacing BENTLEY with ELSON, according to what BENTLEY says she was told by Al, Jack, and BROWDER, was that (1) the Russians decided to take over either U.S. Service and Shipping or World Tourists as a front, and finally decided on the former, and (2) Al said BENTLEY could become a valuable member of his organization so someone else should replace her.

in the Corporation.

In April 1945, ELSON, BENTLEY, and REYNOLDS met BRODER in the home of one FRANK WILSON in New York. According to BENTLEY, at this time Al was endeavoring to get REYNOLDS out of U.S. Service and shipping so that it could be taken over completely by the Russians. BRODER told REYNOLDS that business was very poor and that he thought REYNOLDS should get out of it now by selling out to ELSON—that this business was not worth while enough for a big shot like REYNOLDS. However, although REYNOLDS was still in the Army, he did not sell out. BENTLEY arranged a meeting between Al (BRODER) and REYNOLDS at the Vanderbilt Hotel in New York in the spring of 1945. Apparently, BRODER did not bring up the subject of REYNOLDS getting out of U.S. Service and shipping, but he made a subsequent date to meet REYNOLDS, at which time, however, BRODER failed to show up. He later told BENTLEY that he never intended to, that he merely wanted to see REYNOLDS.

In May 1945, BENTLEY resigned from U.S. Service and Shipping on the instructions of Al and Jack. They talked to her about going to Russia via Mexico, for training, but she was not enthusiastic and Al finally stopped talking about it.

During the summer of 1945 BENTLEY was more or less on vacation, since Al had told her to take a rest. However, she saw him in Washington a couple of times in June and again in August, when ELSON told her that Al wanted to see her. As late as August Al was telling her to enjoy her vacation, sever all contacts with REYNOLDS, and then come back and discuss with him what business she would go into.

In October, ELSON told her Al wanted to see her again, and she met him in New York on October 17. Al gave her \$2,000 in cash, which she turned over to the FBI. By this time she had contacted them and told them her story. Her last meeting with Al was on November 20, 1945. BENTLEY had then decided to go back into U. S. Service and Shipping, and Al said, since she had made her choice, they would not discuss the matter of other work. A date for January 20 was made, but Al did not show up (although BENTLEY did not know it at the time he had left for Russia the preceding month). BENTLEY did in fact go back to the U. S. Service and Shipping and remained with it until it went out of business in the fall of 1946.

Going is a brief narrative history of U. S. Service and Shipping in connection therewith. However, the following items are extremely important in showing whatever tie-up there was between it, the Communist Party, and Russia.

GOLOS and REYNOLDS were close friends. REYNOLDS was a Vice-President of World Tourists, Inc. even while he was in the Army, and BENTLEY was an espionage agent for GOLOS.

When GOLOS died BENTLEY, as he had previously requested, burned a great deal of his material and delivered \$11,000 or \$12,000 of his money to BROWDER. (Later she gave him \$3,000 more.)

BENTLEY was in constant contact with BROWDER. She can also testify to close contact between GOLOS and BROWDER.



HERNOLDS made World Tourists, Inc. the sub-agent for U.S. services and shipping. The two offices were right across the street and GOLOS and BENTLEY were back and forth every day. GOLOS acted in an advisory capacity to U.S. service and shipping, although HERNOLDS was rather too independent to take much advice.

GOLOS told BENTLEY to type up the information she received with one carbon copy. He said that, since all his agents had been obtained by BROWDER, he would give BROWDER certain kinds of the information. GOLOS would take his the carbon copy, BROWDER would read it, and then GOLOS either had BENTLEY destroy it or would put it in his safe. BENTLEY took information to BROWDER after GOLOS died in November 1943. The Russians had been trying to "take over" the people who were giving GOLOS information, particularly the SILVERMASTER group, and GOLOS and BENTLEY had been opposing this. When GOLOS died BENTLEY went to BROWDER in an attempt to "rescue" these people from the Russians, particularly MARY PRICE. BROWDER indicated that he would do what he could, but he never accomplished anything. As to MARY PRICE, BROWDER finally said that the Russians had "taken her over" and he could do nothing about it.

When "Bill" told BENTLEY he wanted to take over the SILVERMASTER group, she went to BROWDER and told her to stand her ground, but later the Russians sent somebody to see BROWDER and he told her to take SILVERMASTER to "Bill", which she did. BENTLEY collected Communist dues from the people who were supplying her with information and turned it over to BROWDER.

In the winter of 1944-1945, when "Jack" was BENTLEY's contact, he asked her to have BROWDER get somebody who was



furnishing information into the Merchant Marine so he would not be drafted and accordingly unable to keep on furnishing information. She mentioned it to BROWDER but the man was drafted too quickly.

When REYNOLDS paid back some of the \$15,000 loan, he gave \$3,000 of it to BROWDER.

In June 1945, about the time when Al was persuading BENTLEY to leave U. S. Service and Shipping, BROWDER made her a proposition to leave U. S. Service and Shipping and run World Tourists, Inc.

Shortly after BENTLEY met Al, U. S. Service and Shipping was having trouble with the terms of its renewal contract with Intourist. She told Al about this and very shortly thereafter the matter was straightened out.

When BROWDER went to Russia just before he was deposed as leader of the American Communist Party in the summer of 1945, REYNOLDS asked him to straighten out another renewal of the corporation's contract with Intourist. When BROWDER came back he said he had been unable to do anything.

On her last meeting with BROWDER in October 1945, she discussed U. S. Service and Shipping. She had told him previously that the Russians intended to take it over, on instructions from the Russians. She told him the Russians would repay him the \$15,000 he had originally put up. In October BROWDER told her that the Russians had definitely decided to take over the corporation, and that though they were slow in putting the money up, they would probably do so in the near future.

In the fall of 1945, after BENTLEY had gone back to U. S. Service and Shipping, Al told her he would do what he could to fix up the contract renewal in Russia, but he didn't do anything.

LEW HARRIS frequently brought sums of money, undoubtedly Communist funds, and would leave them for various periods of time in the safe deposit box of U.S. Service and Shipping. The foregoing, of course, does not attempt to detail the espionage activities of BENTLEY or her contacts with her informers, all of which would be somewhat pertinent in the light of the fact that she was an officer of the corporation during the time in question.

JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS

REYNOLDS met LEW HARRIS, who he thought was probably a Communist, in 1937 or 1938. He met GOLOS first in the fall of 1940 and BENTLEY shortly thereafter.

HERBERT GOLDFRANK, who is with "New Masses" and whom REYNOLDS always thought was a Communist, introduced him to GOLOS. GOLOS asked whether REYNOLDS would be interested in organizing and financing a corporation to ship parcels to Russia under a license and contract with Intourist. GOLOS admitted that he and his previously created corporation "World Tourists" had already been convicted under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

REYNOLDS was interested but thought it necessary first to make inquiries about GOLOS, so he went to EARL BROWDER, who he considered the fountainhead of all information about matters pertaining to the Communist Party. He wanted it understood that anything he might do would be along business lines only, with no political aspects, and he felt that that point could never be clarified unless he talked to BROWDER and was assured that the venture would be purely business. BROWDER did not tell him that GOLOS was a Soviet espionage agent or that he was a Communist, although REYNOLDS assumed that GOLOS was a

communist. BROWDER did say, however, that if GOLOS said there would be no political activity in the proposed corporation REYNOLDS could take his word for it.

REYNOLDS had no political motive whatever, but thought it would be beneficial to the United States and profitable to him if trade could be promoted between Russia and the

United States. Therefore, he told GOLOS he was interested in forming the proposed business, but purely on a business basis, as he knew the delicacy of the situation. REYNOLDS

also saw his lawyers and was warned to have no political motives of any sort. Accordingly, U.S. Service and Shipping was created and began business in April 1941.

The sum of \$20,000 was put up for the business. REYNOLDS insisted he would have to be given \$1,000 to protect him. As he testified before the grand jury, he was

afraid the Communist Party would use the corporation for its purposes and, therefore, he wanted a sum of money on hand so that if anything went wrong he could drop out and not be out

money. In addition, he had to put up \$10,000 with Intourist to get the contract with it, but he denied that the \$15,000 was used for that purpose. In any event, two weeks after the corporation was formed, HARRIS brought REYNOLDS \$15,000 in

cash. REYNOLDS did not have where it came from; sometimes he was told it was from BROWDER and other times HARRIS said she had collected it, but REYNOLDS felt that it was BROWDER'S

money in a personal rather than a party sense. The \$15,000 was never entered on the corporation's books and REYNOLDS

insisted that it was his own money, that is, a personal loan to him and not corporate funds. In any event, the practical result was that of the \$20,000 financing REYNOLDS actually



put up only \$5,000 when it is considered that he was given this \$15,000 for no possible reason other than to finance the corporation.

REYNOLDS insisted that he was not doing business with the Communist Party, but was afraid to deal with a party with its opprobrium without some protection, so he wanted the \$15,000 from the head of the Party to insure there would be no political interference. BROWDER never asked for its repayment, although REYNOLDS told him he was going to do so and did pay him \$3,000 in about January 1945. While REYNOLDS

was in the Army, BENTLEY ran the business, except for the time in 1945 when she resigned and later came back. In the spring or summer of 1945, while he was in the Army, BENTLEY introduced him to a Mr. PAUL in the Vanderbilt Hotel, who was supposed to be a representative of one of the Russian trade bureaus who might be helpful in renewing the contract with Entomists. The whole conversation hinged on the contract renewal. PAUL said he was an old friend of GOLOS and BENTLEY and that he could not give his status with the Russian government. However, BENTLEY had previously said PAUL was a Russian official, and REYNOLDS recalls telling BENTLEY and his wife that he thought PAUL was a Soviet agent. He did not know

~~that PAUL was GROMOV, First~~  
Secretary of the Russian Embassy.

REYNOLDS had two contacts with BROWDER while in the Army, but never mentioned PAUL to BROWDER. He attended the meeting with BROWDER, BENTLEY, and RAY ELSON, where the question of BENTLEY resigning and ELSON buying into the corporation was discussed. He did not sell out, however, although ELSON worked for U.S. Service and Shipping for a while.

He has repaid most of the \$15,000, some to HARRIS and \$3,000 to BROWDER. There was no uncertainty in his mind that the money came from BROWDER, but when the Party discharged BROWDER he knew there would be an internal fight as to who would get it back.

HARRIS deposited money in the corporation's safe deposit box on occasions, but REYNOLDS did not know that it was Communist money.

#### WILFRED HARRIS

HARRIS would be of no value as a Government witness, both because he is hostile and because he would refuse to answer many questions on the ground of self-incrimination. When asked before the grand jury whether he was a Communist, he refused to answer, but he is a well-known member of the Party. He also refused to answer several other questions and what he did say was as innocuous and unhelpful to the Government as he could make it. However, he did give certain information.

He is a friend of EARL BROWDER and knew GOLOS since 1935. He met REYNOLDS and BENTLEY in connection with the creation of U.S. Service and Shipping.

He admitted that he was the person who took the \$15,000 to REYNOLDS, but he maintained that it did not come from BROWDER and that when he turned it over to REYNOLDS there was no conversation which would have indicated it came from BROWDER. HARRIS maintained that a friend of his, one ABRAHAM WELD, who was killed in the Normandy Invasion, asked him to give the \$15,000 to REYNOLDS as a loan. He insisted that the reason why he was used as an intermediary was that his friend WELD did not know REYNOLDS, but knew that HARRIS was acquainted

with REYNOLDS. HARRIS thought he obtained the money from REYNOLDS in a New York restaurant and turned it over to REYNOLDS in the latter's apartment. Mrs. REYNOLDS probably being present. The money was in cash. HARRIS asked for and received no receipt, no interest was to be paid, and he said nothing about the money coming from REYNOLDS. REYNOLDS took the money and did not ask where it came from.

Later HARRIS told the lawyer for REYNOLDS's widow about this money, but he never told her or turned any of it over to REYNOLDS's estate when REYNOLDS repaid him in part. REYNOLDS repaid \$5,000 in March 1945, and later the remaining claim was settled for \$7,000. He understands that REYNOLDS paid \$3,000 of the sum to BROWDER, so that HARRIS actually got back \$12,000 of the \$15,000. He still has this money, and while he does not consider it his own in the sense that he would use it for personal purposes, he would use it for other purposes which he did not elaborate upon.

He also admitted depositing \$10,000 cash on one occasion, and perhaps other cash on another occasion, in the safety deposit box of U.S. Service and Shipping. When asked whether this money was Communist Party funds, he refused to answer on the ground that it might incriminate him, and when asked whether he had ever consulted BROWDER about the disposition of money in his possession, he refused to answer on the same grounds.

EARL BROWDER - RAY ELSON

These people would not, of course, be government witnesses. They refused to testify before the grand jury on the ground of self-incrimination.

JACOB GOLOS

GOLOS died November 25, 1943.



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These people, of course, would not be available.

On March 25, 1941, REYNOLDS executed, on behalf of the corporation, a Registration Statement under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. He listed INTCOURIER as the foreign principal, and stated that the corporation's only compensation for business transacted would be fees collected from persons shipping parcels to Russia. In the course of further correspondence with the State Department REYNOLDS' law firm submitted a statement that the corporation did not engage in any activity for a foreign or domestic principal, except as set forth in the registration statement. He was finally told by the State Department that the corporation did not have to register. In August 1942, when administration of the Act had been transferred to the Department of Justice, REYNOLDS submitted an affidavit stating that the activities of the corporation were non-political and were merely bona fide commercial activities. In 1946, however, as a result of conferences with the Department of Justice, the corporation was advised that it would have to register under the Act, but it immediately went out of business by terminating its agreement with INTCOURIER. The Department notified it on November 1, 1946, that under such circumstances registration was not necessary.

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SUMMARY

It is apparent that a prosecution for failure to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act would serve little purpose. Not only would prosecution of the substantive offense be clouded by what transpired in the dealings in the State Department, but the only defendants would be REYNOLDS, BENTLEY, and the Argonaut Corporation, U.S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING.

The only prosecution worth undertaking would be an overall conspiracy under the Foreign Agents Registration

Act involving the persons named above. The theory would be that the Communist Party and Russian authorities, in the persons of GOLOS and BRUNER, conceived the idea of setting up a front organization to use for their purposes in the United States. With WORLD TOURISTS and GOLOS convicted under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, another organization was needed, so they created U.S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING and financed it with \$15,000 from the Communist Party. They selected REYNOLDS as the figurehead and placed BENTLEY as Vice-President since she was already doing espionage work for Russia, and GOLOS planned to use her more extensively.

Thus the corporation was created and used mainly as a cover for BENTLEY, i.e., to give her an apparent legitimate occupation while she was doing espionage work, and also as one of the many places where the Communist Party through HARRIS could temporarily leave its funds for safekeeping. Later on the Russian government thought it might use the corporation for other front purposes, so through GROMOV they tried to take it over by replacing REYNOLDS with their own



ELSON. HENRY was to be told too, since she was so valuable and was to be promoted in the espionage ring. This part of the conspiracy was unsuccessful, but it was still a part of the conspiracy.

Thus there could be charged a conspiracy, by the foregoing scheme, to violate the Foreign Agents Registration Act, 22 U.S.C. 6185, by willfully omitting from the statement of registration the material facts that the corporation was financed by Communist Party funds, that HENRY would engage

in political and espionage activities in her capacity as an officer, and that the corporation (through its officer HENRY) would engage in activities other than acting as a shipping agent under licenses from INTCOURIER, by willfully misstating a material fact in the answer to question 1 (Statement of nature of business) and possibly question 2 (Compensation or income to be received), by fraudulent avoidance of registration by inducing the State Department through these omissions and misstatements to tell the corporation it did not have to register when it would not have done so if it had known the true facts, by so deceiving the State Department by saying in the supplemental statement that it had no principal foreign or domestic, except INTCOURIER when in truth the Communist Party was a domestic principal, and by misstating to the Department of Justice in HENRY's affidavit for the purpose of continuing the deception, that the corporation engaged in no political activity.

The above would seem to constitute a conspiracy under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. It could also be charged as a conspiracy to defraud the United States under 18 U.S.C. 2385 of and concerning its governmental rights to administer the

Foreign Agents Registration Act and not be misled into telling a corporation it did not have to register when it would not have done so except for concealment and misstatements of material facts.

There are one factual and two policy difficulties. The case would have to depend entirely upon HENTLEY's story with virtually no corroboration. KEYHOLDS could help establish that the \$15,000 was Communist Party money, but the jury would have to be satisfied from HENTLEY alone that GOLOS was a Russian official engaged in espionage, and that the rest of her story about GROMOV and her activities were true. GROMOV, she would have to testify—which might mean she would have to be named as a co-conspirator and not as a defendant, and she would have to be believed. If that happened, her story would probably be enough.

From policy considerations, first GROMOV and GOLOS would have to be named, which would be tantamount to indicting the Russian government. Second, the whole HENTLEY story, or most of it, would have to be rehearsed, this time in court.

The indictment should name, either as defendants or co-conspirators, BROWDER, KEYHOLDS, HARRIS, HENTLEY, GOLOS, ELSON, GROMOV, U.S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING, WORLD TOURISTS, and perhaps the Communist Party, "Bill" and "Jack". Moreover, it should charge a conspiracy both to defraud the United States and to violate the Foreign Agents Registration Act, on the theory of the Manton, Johnson, etc. cases.

U.S. Shipping and Service Company

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: September 2, 1948

FROM : Dr. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Miss Gandy

Mr. Donegan when he was in my office last week stated he had a memorandum prepared in the Criminal Division summarizing the possibility of prosecuting the U. S. Service and Shipping Company for violation of the Registration Act. He stated that when he arrived in New York he would have a copy transmitted to the Bureau on a confidential basis. The same is attached.

Attachment

DML:dad

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May 9, 1951

MR. TOLSON

L. B. NICHOLS

WORLD TOURISTS

McCARRAN COMMITTEE REQUEST

Don Connors of the McCarran Internal Security Subcommittee has requested brief background information on the makeup and organization of World Tourists. He is particularly interested in anything we could furnish regarding actual propaganda activities and espionage activities carried on, as well as any case concerning the organization where the convictions would be a matter of public record.

LBN:FML

cc - Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Laughlin

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*World Tourists*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPV: \_\_\_\_\_

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105-761 (105-761)

October 2, 1951

October 2, 1951

WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED  
1105 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N.Y.  
World Tourist  
INCORPORATED  
1105 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

October 2, 1951

It is requested that your office procure  
regular basis the receipts and confirmation of  
the receipt of the type described as referenced  
later. As you have pointed out, you obtained the receipts  
from the New York City, New York City,  
photostated them, and then translated the information there-  
from from English to Spanish, which is an expensive and time-  
consuming process. The sending of these parcels through  
World Tourist, Incorporated, providing the contents are  
not prohibited items, is entirely not illegal and  
is not the Bureau's responsibility to monitor  
this traffic.

It will be noted the receipts in question bear  
very little identifying information concerning the sender  
other than the sender's address and his name. In most  
cases only the last name and initial are shown. For your  
information, a search of the Bureau indices (restricted  
to the State of the sender's residence), revealed there  
was no record for identifiable information with any of the  
senders of parcels except the following:

(b)(1)



cc - Los Angeles (105-761) (with enclosures)

105-761

PPC:pm



has a connection with Mrs. W. Grossman,  
120 Leavitt Street, Winthrop, Massachusetts,  
Boston's Office of Virginia Hamilton captioned  
"Kanye Grossman, aka, Mrs. Joseph Grossman,  
Security Matter - R." and review of this file reflects  
Mrs. Grossman in 1940, lived at 146 Oxford Street,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts. It is possible the subject  
of this file is identical to Grossman, the sender of  
the parcel to Russia.

In addition to the above, the use of this parcel  
service is virtually classified for other information to  
Russia would be revealed through the use of regularly  
obtaining the transcripts in question, as the transcripts are  
received long after the shipment to which they refer is  
made. The knowing the names of the senders and identifying  
them, besides being virtually useless, would be of little value  
to the Bureau in determining if the use of World  
Tourist Parcel Service is being put to illegal purposes.  
Any person would be utilized to present classified or  
other information through this parcel service and it is  
possible that a person without previous espionage or subversive  
background would be utilized if the intention was to make an  
illegal transmission and circumvent the authorities.

The above should be considered as including  
the use of this technique in particular cases where the need  
arises.

A copy of this letter and referenced letter with  
the enclosures are being furnished Los Angeles, the Office  
of origin.

WLB

SAC, NEW YORK (105-2916)

February 14, 1952

DIRECTOR, FBI (97-3030)

WORLD TOURIST, INC.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
Round the World Tourist  
Registration Act  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

On August 1, 1951, during that Inspector  
Stanley, United States Customs Service, New York City,  
had made available a packet of receipts directed to the  
World Tourist, Incorporated office, and dated of 10-2-51.

In November, 1951, the Bureau made available to  
the Central Intelligence Agency a photostatic copy of the  
English translation from the Russian text of a representative  
sample of these receipts as furnished to the Bureau by your  
office. It was also advised that in the event their files contain  
any available information on the senders in the United States  
or on the addressees and addressees in the USSR, the CIA has  
advised that the World Tourist, Incorporated organization is  
of no intelligence operational interest to them and requested  
therefore that the Bureau loan the originals of the packet  
of receipts in question.

It is desired that you immediately advise the  
Bureau of the disposition of the packet of receipts in  
question. If the originals were returned to Customs, it is  
further desired that you advise if your office maintained  
any copies of the receipts.

BRPC:muu

NY 3080

NY SPECIAL ASSISTANT

February 24, 1952

Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2490 R Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. Lyman G. Kirkpatrick  
Assistant Director for Special Operations

John Edgar Hoover - Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

World Tourist, Inc.  
1000 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1000  
Los Angeles, California, 90017  
Round the World Tourist  
Registration Act  
Internal Security Act of 1950

Reference is made to your letter of January 10, 1952, and your file NY 3080-6212, requesting the loan of the original of the packet of receipts referred to in your letter of November 14, 1951.

This Bureau is making inquiry concerning the disposition of the packet of receipts in question, and you will be advised upon receipt of the information.

PPC:dm

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New York, NY



# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (97-3030)

DATE: 11/12/52

FROM : SAC, New York (105-2916)

SUBJECT: WORLD TOURIST, INC.,  
Los Angeles, California, aka:  
Round the World Tourist;  
REGISTRATION ACT;  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Rebulet 10/2/51 and 2/11/52 and NY letter to the Bureau 8/8/51.

The Bureau is advised that the originals of the packet of receipts directed to the World Tourist, Incorporated Office, NYC, was referred to in the referenced letters, were immediately returned to U.S. Customs Service, NYC, after photostatic copies were made. The photostatic copies of these receipts were destroyed by this office after receipt of Bureau letter dated 10/2/51.

It is noted that Mr. IRVING RISHMAN, U.S. Customs Service, NYC, has advised that the receipts are not obtained on a regular basis. He said that, when the receipts are obtained from time to time, they are, after appropriate examination, forwarded to the World Tourist, Incorporated Office, NYC. He said that no records are retained at U.S. Customs Service, NYC, concerning the information contained in the said receipts.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: April 24, 1952

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
1430 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Assistant Director for Special Operations

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED  
1408 ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, aka.,  
Around the World Tourist  
REGISTRATION ACT  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference is made to your letter of January 3, 1952, your file 60-208-47113, and our letters of November 30, 1951, and February 14, 1952.

As indicated in our letter of November 30, 1951, the U. S. Customs Inspector, New York City, furnished a packet of receipts directed to World Tourist, Incorporated, which were furnished the New York Office of this Bureau. This is to advise that the originals of these receipts were immediately returned to the U. S. Customs Service, New York City, after photostatic copies were made. These photostatic copies were destroyed after information on the receipts was translated from Russian to English. You were furnished a copy of this translation with our letter of November 30, 1951.

For your additional information, Mr. Irving Fishman, U. S. Customs Service, New York City, has advised that the receipts are not obtained by that service on a regular basis. When they are obtained, they are, after appropriate examination, furnished to World Tourist, Incorporated, New York City.

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Director

The information below is on the back  
of the previous page.

See NY 44-3030-22  
attached, which files  
receipts in question  
directed to World Tourist  
Inc. New York. This is  
first indication that WTI, NY  
is involved, therefore photostatic  
copy of permanent correspondence  
made for 61-6328 (WTI, NY)

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BY [Signature]  
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SAC, New York (97-13)

August 14, 1952

Director, <sup>RECORDED</sup> <sup>EX-60</sup> (61-8328) - 131

WORLD TOURIST, INC.,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
(Registration Number 405)  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
REGISTRATION ACT

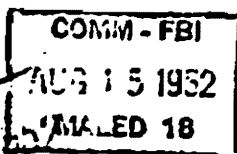
ReBulet 5-9-52 and 0-1 form 7-23-52, advising  
a report will be submitted by 9-15-52.

For your information, the Department, by  
letter dated August 8, 1952, requested any information  
presently available on World Tourist, Inc., New York,  
in order that its continued registration under the  
Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended,  
may be solicited.

In view of the Department's inquiry, you  
should make certain the summary report requested of  
your office is submitted by September 15, 1952.

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cc - Mr. Belmont

Assistant Attorney General  
Charles B. Murray

August 14, 1952

Director, FBI

WORLD TOURIST, INC.,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
(Registration Number 685)  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
REGISTRATION ACT

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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DATE 3-2-78 Bjk

Reference is made to memorandum of August 8, 1952, from Mr. McInerney, reference JUM:WFF:JTT:amd, 149-5700, requesting information presently available on the captioned organization.

Under date of November 21, 1951, this Bureau referred to the Criminal Division the facts in the matter entitled, "World Tourist, Inc., Los Angeles, California, aka., Sound the World Tourist." By letter dated February 11, 1952, the Criminal Division advised that a letter was being directed to World Tourist, Incorporated, New York, New York, inquiring as to the relationship, if any, between World Tourist, Incorporated, Los Angeles, California, and World Tourist, Incorporated, New York, New York.

By letter dated April 3, 1952, your Division advised that World Tourist, Incorporated, New York, New York, had filed an amended statement to its supplemental statement to the effect that it had ceased all activity on behalf of Intourist Limited, Moscow, Russia, during May of 1951. Upon receipt of this letter, a comprehensive review of the separate files maintained by this Bureau on World Tourist, Incorporated, New York, New York, and World Tourist, Incorporated, Los Angeles, California, was made. This review reflected that the business known as World Tourist, Incorporated, Los Angeles, is actually operating as Sound the World Tourist, and future correspondence will bear this title. Investigation of World Tourist, Incorporated, New York, New York, and Sound the World Tourist, Los Angeles, California, is being conducted for the purpose of determining the information requested in your letter of April 3, 1952. Further, it was deemed advisable to prepare a summary report for your assistance in the captioned case. This **RECORDED-116** and it will be furnished to you upon its receipt. **66-6327-132**

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cc - 97-3030

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cc - Mr. Belmont

Assistant Attorney General  
Charles B. Murray

August 19, 1952

Director, FBI

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ROUND THE WORLD TOURIST  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, aka,  
World Tourist, Incorporated.  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to my memorandum of August 14, 1952, in the matter captioned "World Tourist, Inc., New York, New York (Registration Number 405), Internal Security Act of 1950, Registration Act."

Enclosed herewith is one copy of the summary report of Special Agent Joe D. Abernathy, dated July 30, 1952, at Los Angeles, concerning Round the World Tourist. You will be furnished a summary report concerning World Tourist Inc., New York, upon its receipt.

Enclosure

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SAC, New York (97-13)

October 15, 1952

Director, FBI (61-6328)

WORLD TOURIST, INC.,  
New York, New York  
(Registration Number 485)  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950;  
REGISTRATION ACT

Rebulet 8/14/52, advising you of the Department's  
interest in this matter.

A check of the Bureau's records fails to reveal  
receipt of the summary report to have been submitted by  
September 15, 1952. You should immediately advise the date  
of the report and the name of the reporting agent.

RPC:fk

Note:  
Photostat of Ltr from  
New York 8/29/52 in matter  
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Bulfile 100-333698 was sent  
to New York for case or RECORD-140  
WTI, NY as mention of RETACOS made  
60205 & WTI's activities  
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**Elizabeth T.**  
**SUBJECT BENTLEY**

**FILE NO. 61-6328**

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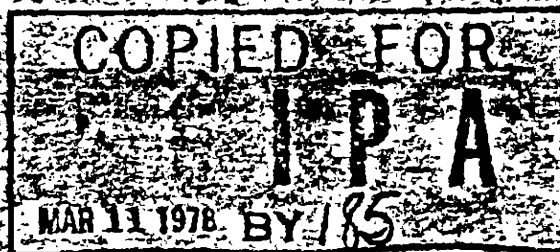
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SECTION 5  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : For the File

DATE: November 28, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: World Tourist, Inc. New York, New York

There are attached hereto pages 172, 173 of "The FBI Story, A Report to the People" by Don Whitehead, which contain data taken from Bureau file 61-6328-136

The information from the file was personally reviewed and declassified by me prior to the author's use of it in the preparation of the book and the clearance procedures followed in the book were approved by the Attorney General by appropriate notation on the Bureau memorandum of July 20, 1956, outlining procedures to be followed. (62-102693-90) The declassified data has been underlined in red on the attached excerpts.

For complete information concerning data declassified in "The FBI Story," see 62-102693-356

Enclosure

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The Department of Justice decision to prosecute was based on affidavits and statements given to the FBI which contained these allegations: A recruiting program in Detroit was directed by Philip Raymond, the Communist Party's candidate for Governor of Michigan in 1937. Raymond promised a salary of \$300 a month to those who volunteered to fight for the Loyalist cause. All expenses would be paid. Those who signed up were sent by Raymond to be examined by three doctors who were cooperating physicians on the staff of the Detroit Health Department. But these examinations weren't free. The doctors' fees were billed to the City of Detroit, not to Raymond. The volunteers who passed the physical tests were given transportation to New York by Raymond, who purchased their bus and railroad tickets from World Tourists, Inc., a travel agency operated by Jacob Golos, a well-known Communist who later headed a Soviet espionage apparatus. In New York, the volunteers reported to a contact who then arranged for passports to be issued under fictitious names or managed to have the men stowed away on ships sailing for France and Spain. Most of the Americans fought in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain. When they returned home some of them joined the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade while their nonveteran sympathizers joined the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

*Excerpt from pages 172, 173  
of "The FBI Story, A Report  
to the People" by Don Whitehead*

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DOCUMENT JUSTIFICATION

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Serial Number	Date of Serial	DELETION (S)
142	6/25/53	(b)(1) Entire document has been classified pursuant to Executive Order 11652 on 3/1/78 and bears the Classification Officer's number 2040.

File No: 61-6328Re: ELIZABETH T BENTLEYDate: 2/78  
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Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
137	10/16/52	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
138	2/26/53	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	1	1	
139 ✓	12/9/52	LETTER ANOTHER GOVT AGENCY TO HQ w/ COPY + ENCLOSURES	1	0	Referred
NR	1/22/53	BRANIGAN TO BELMONT MEMO w/ LHM	1	0	Referred
NR	1/22/53	BRANIGAN TO BELMONT MEMO w/ 2 COPIES OF AN LHM	1	0	Referred
NR	2/9/53	LETTER HQ TO NY	3	3	
140	2/2/53	NY REPORT TO HQ w/ 3 COPIES	3	12	9 Dups
140	2/2/53	LETTER NY TO HQ w/ COPY	2	4	2 Dups
140	3/10/53	LETTER HQ TO AAG	1	1	
141	4/6/53	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	1	1	
NR	3/12/53	LETTER NY TO HQ	10	3	
142	6/3/53	FOREIGN GOVT AGENCY LETTER	2	0	



File No: 61-6328Re: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

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142	6/25/53	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
NR	7/29/53	MEMO BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	1	1	
NR	11/29/54	LETTER BOSTON TO HQ	12	12	
NR	8/19/54	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
143	5/19/55	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
143	6/6/55	LETTER HQ TO GOV'T. AG.	2	2	
144	6/6/55	LETTER HQ TO GOV'T AG.	1	1	
145	5/29/56	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
145X	11/3/58	MEMO NEASE TO TOLSON	1	1	
NR	6/21/55	LETTER NY TO HQ	2	2	
NR	11/26/56	MEMO AULL TO BRANIGAN	1	1	
NR	2/26/58	MEMO AULL TO BRANIGAN	1	1	

File No: 65-6328Re: ELIZABETH T BENTLEY

Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
146	11/6/58	MEMO BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	1	1	
146	11/13/58	AIRTEL HQ TO WFO	1	1	
NR	11/12/59	LETTER NY TO HQ	2	2	
147	12/9/58	LETTER WFO TO HQ	4	0	Referred
148	12/17/58	MEMO. BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	3	0	Referred
149	12/17/58	AIRTEL WFO TO HQ	1	1	
149	1/2/59	LETTER HQ TO WFO	1	1	
150	11/12/59	LETTER SEN. COMM. TO TOLSON	1	1	
NR	11/24/59	MEMO BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	2	2	
151	11/1/61	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	1	1	
NR	No Date Available	Portion of a NY Report	6	6	
NR	1/11/74	3rd Party Letter to HQ	1	1	
	1/25/74	HQ Letter to 3rd Party	2	2	

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SAC, New York (97-13)

WORLD TOURIST INCORPORATED  
IS - R  
THUMBAIL SKETCH

The thumbnail sketch on the above organization has been changed to read as follows:

World Tourist Inc. was chartered as a New York Corporation operating as a travel agency on June 10, 1927, according to records of the New York County Clerk's office.

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D) stated in an interview in 1940 that World Tourist was a travel bureau organized to become a source of money for the "Daily Worker", East coast communist newspaper, and other CP functions, and to stimulate tourist travel to the U. S. S. R. In 1930 GOODMAN was informed by JOSEPH BRODSKY, CP lawyer and then head of World Tourist, that he was being replaced by JACOB GOLOS as manager of the company.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, confessed Soviet espionage agent and courier, stated in November, 1945, that she knew JACOB GOLOS from 1938 until his death on 11/25/43. Shortly after becoming acquainted with him, she became involved in Soviet espionage activity with him in NYC and Washington, D. C. Although Miss BENTLEY could not state definitely that the company was used as a cover by GOLOS, he was known by her to be active in Soviet espionage while he operated the company. World Tourist and JACOB RAISIN, wa: N. N. Golos, were convicted for failure to register as agents of the U. S. S. R. government on 3/15/40. Following this, GOLOS told BENTLEY he desired to have one American company to handle all tourist, shipping, and other matters between the U. S. and Russia. Thereafter, U. S. Shipping and Service Corp. (U.S.S.S.) was formed, \$15,000 of the necessary money being furnished by EARL BROWDER, then CP National Secretary. The basic purpose of this company was to ship packages to Russia, and World Tourist became its receiving agent. As an officer of U.S.S.S., BENTLEY handled many of its affairs and after GOLOS' death, became acting manager of World Tourist. In April, 1945, one LOUIS BERDANSKY became manager. U.S.S.S. went out of business in October, 1946.

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Registrations of World Tourist and/or U. S. S. S. under Foreign Agents Registration Acts, reflect they had contracts with Intourist, a U.S.S.R. government agency dealing in tourist and shipping matters.

LOUIS BERDANSKY was interviewed 11/18/53, by SAS ROBERT F. HUNWINGHAKE, and WILLIAM F. KLEIN. He stated the Intourist contract was terminated in May, 1951, and World Tourist became inactive. After reorganization he changed the name of the company to Louis Berdansky Travel Agency in August, 1951, and to Berdell Travel Agency, in June, 1953.

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TO : Director, FBI (61-6328)

DATE: 10/16/52

FROM : SAC, New York (97-13)

SUBJECT: WORLD TOURIST, INC.,  
New York, New York  
(Registration Number 435)  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950;  
REGISTRATION ACT

Rebulet 10/15/52.

Report submitted 10/15/52 by SA Harold V. Cates

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Bureau file 65-5381

Artkino Pictures, Inc.  
Internal Security - R  
New York file 100-15990  
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New York file 100-110577  
Bureau file 105-18628

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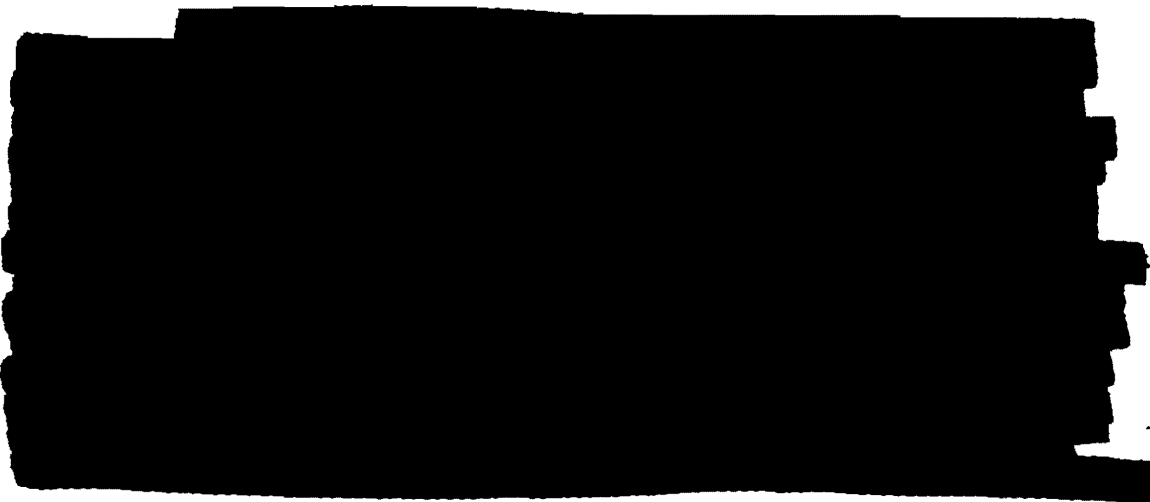
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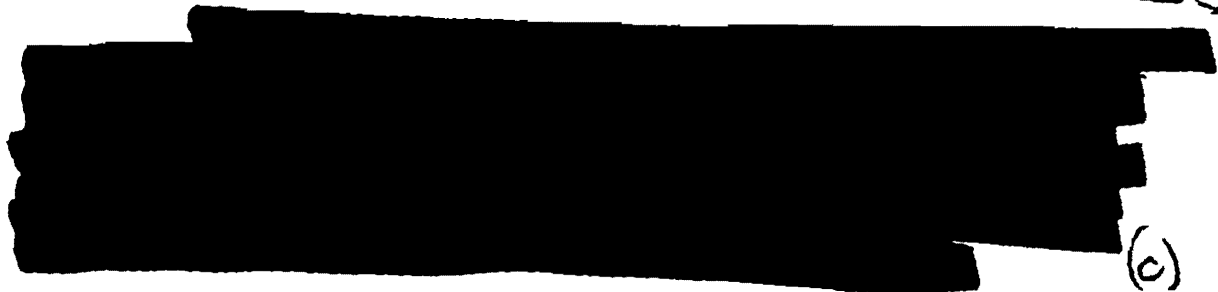
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DATE: 2/2/53

FROM : SAC, NY (97-13)

SUBJECT: WORLD TOURISTS INC.

New York, N. Y.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-6328)

2/2/53

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Reference is made to the letter from the Criminal Division dated August 6, 1952, reference JMC:MF:JSK:and 149-3700, and to the summary report of Special Agent Harold V. Gates, dated October 15, 1952, at New York, New York, a copy of which was furnished to the Records Administration Branch of the Department.

Attached is a copy of the report of Special Agent Harold V. Gates, dated February 2, 1953, at New York, New York, which completes the investigation in this matter, it being noted that World Tourists, Inc., went out of business in August, 1951, and its former director and general manager, Louis Berdansky, has been doing business since November, 1951, under the name of Louis Berdansky Travel Agency.

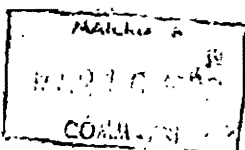
Additional investigation is being conducted concerning Louis Berdansky, d.b.a. Louis Berdansky Travel Agency; and the results thereof will be furnished you under that title.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: APR 29 1954

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-29100)

SUBJECT: FRANCES HOPE DAVIS, nee WILE  
Aka, Mrs. Robert Gorham Davis,  
Mrs. George Patrick Wood, Mrs. Claud  
Cockburn, Mrs. Hermann Frunck  
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Reference is made to the pending report of SA JAMES T. SULLIVAN dated April 26, 1954, at Boston in captioned matter, copies of which are being sent to Albany, Atlanta, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, New York, Omaha, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Washington Field.

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As set out in referenced report, Mrs. DAVIS was interviewed at her Northampton, Massachusetts, home on March 22, 1954, by Special Agents JAMES T. SULLIVAN and ISMAEL T. WOODBURY of the Boston Division.

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Professor DAVIS was interviewed on January 11, 1954, by SAs JAMES T. SULLIVAN and ISMAEL T. WOODBURY and proved extremely cooperative. Thereafter he advised the Boston Office that his wife wished to provide information regarding her Communist Party activities at Washington, D.C. and New York City in the middle 1930's.

The Bureau, Albany, New York, Washington Field Office, and Boston had no information concerning the Communist Party activities of Mrs. DAVIS under her maiden name and present marriage name. Instant interview developed the information of three previous marriages and leads were set out to conduct indices checks under the additional names used by subject through the years.

Mrs. DAVIS was extremely cooperative during instant interview and stated she would be perfectly willing to discuss not only her own activities but the activities of others whom she knew in the Communist Party and related front organizations. She pointed out, however, that her memory has become extremely cloudy concerning the identity of many such individuals and that while she can describe these persons accurately she cannot now recall their names. She pointed out further that she has done voluminous reading of the various exposés of the Communist Party published since 1940 and that she has reached a point now where at times she cannot recall whether she has personal knowledge of various events or whether she has read this information in such publications as the House Committee Reports, various Senatorial Investigating Committee Reports, the published works of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ELIZABETH BENTLEY, RALPH DE TOLEDANO, and other individuals.

Boston has made arrangements to recontact Mrs. DAVIS as often as is necessary and will refresh her memory for information regarding her activities in the period 1934 - 1937. Subsequent interviews will attempt to ascertain her knowledge of the degree of Communist Party infiltration in the publishing field and among writers and likewise will attempt to ascertain whether she has knowledge of Communist Party activities in Massachusetts from 1939 to 1954.

Inasmuch as all offices receiving copies of this letter have received copies of its accompanying report that information concerning individuals named by Mrs. DAVIS in connection with Communist Party activities will be set out herein.

Mrs. DAVIS stated that in the fall or winter of 1934 she and her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK, had been recruited into the Communist Party by JOHN DONOVAN, who at that time was employed by the N.R.A. at Washington, D.C. She described JOHN DONOVAN as a "sensational character," who was employed by Section 7A of the N.R.A. and as an individual whom N.R.A. authorities had tried to fire because of his Communist Party activities. She stated that JOHN DONOVAN was a close friend of HAROLD WHE, who had set up the Communist apparatus in the Federal Government and that DONOVAN came from the New York City area and had studied at Columbia University.

JOHN DONOVAN's wife, ELIZABETH DONOVAN, was likewise known to Mrs. DAVIS as a secret member of a concealed cell of the Communist Party at Washington during the years 1935 and 1936. She stated that she could not recall having met Mrs. ELIZABETH DONOVAN but from records maintained by HERMANN BRUNCK and from other sources she was aware that ELIZABETH DONOVAN had been in the Communist Party. It is her understanding that JOHN and ELIZABETH DONOVAN have been divorced and that ELIZABETH DONOVAN subsequently took up residence in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area. Mrs. DAVIS does not know whether ELIZABETH DONOVAN subsequently remarried.

Mrs. DAVIS stated that each unit of the Communist Party as set up by HAROLD WHE was comprised of about 5 individuals. She stated that at the first meeting she attended there were present along with herself, her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK, CHARLES KRAMER, and his wife, MILDRED KRAMER,

and Mrs. MARION BACHRACH. Mrs. DAVIS pointed out in regard to CHARLES KRAMER that she also knew this individual as CHARLES KRAVITSKY. She stated that CHARLES and MILDRED KRAMER at this time resided in the 1800 block of a street in North West Washington which ran parallel to such streets as Euclid, Fairman, Girard, Harvard, and Irving Streets. She stated that KRAMER at that time was employed by an organization she believed was called "Consumer's Council" and that his wife, MILDRED, as of that time was a housewife and had no outside employments..

Mrs. DAVIS thereafter identified JOHN AET, MARION BACHRACH, NATHAN "NAT" WITT, LEE PRESSMAN, VICTOR PERLO, and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN as individuals known to her as Communist Party members. She stated that the above named, other than SILVERMAN, were in her Communist Party unit and that SILVERMAN was in the Communist Party unit headed by her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK.

She likewise identified HENRY COLLINS as another devoted Communist Party member and stated that many Communist Party meetings were held in the HENRY COLLINS' residence, a converted stable, situated in a block in the center of Washington, D.C.

Subject subsequently identified JESSICA SMITH, who at that time was the wife of HAROLD WARE, as another Communist Party member well known to her. She stated that HAROLD WARE had organized the various groups infiltrating the Federal Government and that Mrs. JESSICA SMITH WARE had certain specific functions to handle for the Communist Party, the exact nature of which was unknown to Mrs. DAVIS.

Mrs. DAVIS stated she has never attended Communist Party meetings with JESSICA SMITH but inasmuch as JESSICA SMITH had been in contact with J. PETERS, Soviet espionage agent in 1937 and had later married NATHAN WITT, another Communist Party member, after the death of her first husband, HAROLD WARE, Mrs. DAVIS has no doubt whatever of JESSICA SMITH's Communist Party membership.

Concerning LEE PRESSMAN's wife, Mrs. DAVIS stated that during 1935 and 1936, as best she recalls, this individual, whose first name she cannot recall, was not a Communist Party member. She stated she can recall small talk indicating that Mrs. LEE PRESSMAN had made various reservation concerning the Communist Party and had indicated to her husband and his Communist Party friends that she preferred a more conventional way of life. Whether this individual subsequently joined the Communist Party Mrs. DAVIS stated she could not know and would only conjecture that she thought not.

Mrs. DAVIS identified VICTOR PERLO as another individual who was well known to her as a Communist Party member during this particular period. She recalled that PERLO was single at the time of their first meeting as

that subsequently he had married a girl who also became a Communist Party member. Mrs. DAVIS could not recall the name of PERLO's wife. She described him as a very "strange character," who at times acted like an adolescent and who at times exhibited what she termed a "retarded character. She stated that PERLO was very emotionally immature and was like a child in that he could be readily advised and easily led by his fellow Communist Party members. She pointed out, however, that VICTO PERLO was an individual "I could be frightened of." She stated she feels PERLO "could never be reached to give up the Communist Party inasmuch as he is a complete fanatic, sincerely devoted to Communism."

Mrs. DAVIS stated she knew ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN very slightly and recalled that he used the name GEORGE SILVERMAN. She recalled SILVERMAN was extremely nervous at all times and appeared "scared as a rabbit that his activities would be discovered." She stated that for this reason Party members and leaders found SILVERMAN extremely hard to handle despite his devotion to the Communist Party cause. She recalled particularly meeting ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN at a time when her husband, HERMAN BRUNCK was in the last stages of his mental illness when SILVERMAN expressed fear that possibly BRUNCK in his mad ravings might expose the identity of Communist Party members such as SILVERMAN.

Returning then to the question of the Communist Party membership of HENRY COLLINS, Mrs. DAVIS stated that, while she originally stated she could not recall the identity of the individual who collected Communist Party dues, she feels now that HENRY COLLINS was actually the Financial Secretary more or less for these various Communist Party cells. She stated she thought HENRY COLLINS was married at that time but could not recall his wife and would not be willing to make a positive statement regarding his marital status at that time.

Mrs. DAVIS also identified as an extremely well concealed Communist Party member Mrs. LEN de CAUK. She identified this individual's husband as the individual in charge of publicity for the CIO during the late 1940's and pointed out that it is possible LEN de CAUK himself was not a Communist Party member inasmuch as his wife took great pains to conceal her Communist Party membership not only from outsiders but from her husband as well.

Concerning MARION BACHRACH, Mrs. DAVIS recalled that this individual was a housewife whose husband was not at all sympathetic to the philosophy of Communists. Mrs. DAVIS stated that she had been unusually friendly with MARION BACHRACH inasmuch as Mrs. BACHRACH had taken care of her and had offered solace and comfort following the death of HERMAN BRUNCK.

At this time in the interview Mrs. DAVIS made the statement that, despite the great amount of publicity afforded ALGER HISS and his brother, DONALD HISS, in the public press, she as of this time cannot recall having known these individuals as Communist Party members, nor can she recall hearing

from the above named individuals that the MISS brothers were members of the Communist Party as of this time.

It was at this point in the interview that Mrs. DAVIS was questioned concerning possible access she had to secret Government files. She stated that while she had no access to such files she had been asked to obtain nutritional formulae from Department of Agriculture sources, inasmuch as her position in the Department provided easy access to these formulae.

She then mentioned in this same contact that her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK, while employed by the F.L.R.E., had been ordered by an unknown Communist Party official to contact "big persons" in New York City regarding Communist Party activities and especially Communist Party strategy on the New York City waterfront. She specifically named JOE CURRAN of the Maritime Union in New York as a Communist Party member whom HERMANN BRUNCK met periodically at New York to discuss Communist Party strategy.

Mrs. DAVIS recalled that HERMANN BRUNCK "became a nervous wreck" as a result of these secret meetings, inasmuch as he by nature was not a devious individual and wanted no part of any underground and/or secret manipulations in the interest of the Communist Party. However, he was sufficiently disciplined by the Communist Party to see CURRAN at New York City when BRUNCK's schedule called for a trip to the New York area.

Mrs. DAVIS stated that at this time she could not recall whether other individuals at New York City had sat in on these meetings but specifically recalled JOE CURRAN's name being used by her husband.

Returning then to the subject of J. PETERS, Mrs. DAVIS stated she knew this individual as "PETE" and "STEVE" and recalled that on at least one occasion and possibly more he had lectured to Communist Party units at Washington on the topic of "Democratic Centralism."

As pointed out in the details of accompanying report, she recalled that, when her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK, had inquired of PETERS the reason for the severity of a Communist Party review of a literary work of SIDNEY HOOK, PETERS had replied that the Communist Party could not treat a renegade as a human being.

She recalled also that in the spring of 1937 at New York City when JESSICA SMITH had made arrangements for her to talk to J. PETERS concerning her withdrawal from the Communist Party, PETERS had been very kind to her and expressed his understanding of her confused mental condition following the death of HERMANN BRUNCK. Mrs. DAVIS was unable to recall specifically whether in her meetings with J. PETERS she had heard him express anything which might give a clue to some of the project



he headed in this country for the Communist Party.

She pointed out that she feels she has never met ELIZABETH BENTLEY, whose picture she has seen in the public press on numerous occasions and likewise does not recognize the name JACOB GOLOS, BENTLEY's superior in Soviet espionage. She stated it is possible, however, that she met GOLOS and might have known him under an alias.

Concerning Communist Party membership records, Mrs. DAVIS feels that VICTOR FERLO "probably was the individual delegated with the handling of these records because of his fanaticism and devotion to the Party." She stated she cannot be definite on this point, however, but recalls that records were kept but that their distribution and handling were carefully done because of the names involved and the secretiveness insisted on by HAROLD WARE.

It is her best recollection that HENRY COLLINS acted as Treasurer for the units she has knowledge of. She stated, however, that once again she is guessing on this point but added that somewhere in the back of her head she has a recollection that money was turned over to HENRY COLLINS for eventual distribution to a more highly placed Party official.

In the spring of 1937, following the death of her husband, Mrs. DAVIS took a position as a writer with "New Masses," which at that time was edited by JOSEPH FREEMAN, whom Mrs. DAVIS knew as a Communist Party member. In her several conversations with FREEMAN, Mrs. DAVIS happened to let slip information placing her in the Communist Party and providing hints as to the identity of the activities of Communist Party functionaries known to her and other information which, to an individual of FREEMAN's mental acuity, might expose various individuals.

Mrs. DAVIS thereupon decided to talk this matter over with JESSICA SMITH, who at that time was editing "Soviet Russia Today." JESSICA sent her to an apartment in the West 20's or West 30's in New York City where the above mentioned interview with J. PETERS took place. Mrs. DAVIS recalled that "with tears in my eyes I told him I had been undependable and had perhaps unwittingly exposed the operations of the Washington units of the Party. J. PETERS expressed his understanding and stated kindly that perhaps no damage had been done and thereupon excused her from further participation in the Party's activities.

Mrs. DAVIS stated she has not seen JESSICA SMITH since that time but is aware that, following the death of HAROLD WARE, JESSICA became the wife of JOHN AET.

She stated that either JESSICA SMITH or J. PETERS or "STEVE" as Mrs. DAVIS named him, and "most likely it was 'STEVE'," asked her to make available one room in her Banks Street apartment to store a file case containing papers. Mrs. DAVIS recalled that this file cabinet consisted of 3 or 4 drawers and was kept locked at all times. She never did see the contents of this file cabinet, she claims.

She stated that, shortly after she had given permission for the Party to store this file cabinet in her apartment, an individual, who called himself "YOUNG" and whose first name she never did ascertain, began visiting the apartment almost on a daily basis for months, during which time he spent hours in poring over the various papers contained in the file cabinet.

Mrs. DAVIS described him as a white male who in 1937 was in his forties. She stated he had no particularly distinguishing marks but had a full head of black hair, dark eyes, and had been a hatter by trade for many years and as a result of this had made a great deal of money. She expressed the belief that "YOUNG" was a Latvian by birth and had been a long-time Communist Party member whose only contact in the United States was EARL BROWDER or persons more highly placed in the Communist Party hierarchy.

She recalled that he had a wife and child in the Soviet Union but had been forced to leave them there upon taking up a specific function in the United States. He impressed on Mrs. DAVIS during much of the time he spent going over his papers that he was supposed "never to talk to anyone." She stated that "YOUNG" was a kind and gentle man who had a very soft speaking voice and likewise was a person "whose loneliness I have never seen equalled."

She further recalled that in the 1920's "YOUNG" supposedly had worked in the New York City area for unknown companies in connection with his trade as a hatter. Although stating that she had not seen any of the papers in the file cabinet maintained by "YOUNG," Mrs. DAVIS stated that at least on one occasion "YOUNG" had flashed before her a paper indicating that the Communist Party had intercepted mail from a person in the employ of LEON TROTSKY.

From other remarks made by "YOUNG" at this time and perhaps on other occasions, but the exact wording of which she cannot now recall, Mrs. DAVIS leans to the belief that "YOUNG" at that time was possibly engaged in the Communist Party plot to infiltrate LEON TROTSKY's organization and also that "YOUNG" in 1937 might have had over-all supervision of the plans that led to the assassination of LEON TROTSKY several years later in Mexico City.

It is pointed out to all offices receiving copies of this letter that the Bureau by airtel to New York dated March 24, 1954, following receipt of Boston airtel dated March 22, 1954, has made New York office of origin in a 65 classification case on FNU "YOUNG." Boston, upon its reinterview of Mrs. DAVIS, will question her at great length concerning this Soviet Agent.

Mrs. DAVIS recalls seeing ELLA REEVE FLOOR, HAROLD WARE's mother, who was known in the Communist Party as "Mother" FLOOR, on several occasions. She

stated she talked briefly to "Mother" BLOOR but had nothing to do with her and cannot comment on "Mother" BLOOR's activities in the Communist Party.

Mrs. DAVIS identified JEAN KARSAVINA as perhaps the only person she had recruited into the Communist Party. She identified JEAN KARSAVINA as an individual of Polish extraction who had graduated from Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts, and was employed as a secretary in Washington, D.C. in a governmental agency. She recalled JEAN KARSAVINA had a married sister named FATTERSON (phonetic) and that JEAN KARSAVINA had visited Mrs. DAVIS during 1937 while on vacation from her job at Washington, D.C.

She stated that Miss KARSAVINA had been on the point of joining the Communist Party and had discussed particular points of the philosophy of Communism with Mrs. DAVIS and had joined the Party when Mrs. DAVIS clarified the points bothering this individual. Mrs. DAVIS stated she does not know where this individual is at the present time and whether she is employed by the Federal Government.

While discussing her own biographical data, Mrs. DAVIS mentioned FRANCES HOPE HALE CRYSTAL, the daughter of her brother, MAC FARLAND HALE. Mrs. DAVIS stated that FRANCES HALE CRYSTAL, who resides in New Jersey, was believed by her to be a Communist Party member but pointed out that she had no definite information indicating this to be a fact. She further pointed out that, "My brother MAC is extremely conservative" and indirectly might have been the cause of his daughter's joining the Communist Party due either to his lack of understanding of her or his refusal to give her proper guidance and counsel.

Mrs. DAVIS recalled that word reached her in the middle forties that FRANCES HALE was at that time keeping company with an individual known to her family as a member of the Jewish religion and as a possible Communist Party member. Mrs. DAVIS was asked by the family members to talk to FRANCES HALE in the hope that Mrs. DAVIS could disillusion FRANCES regarding the Communist Party and its members. She thereupon invited FRANCES to her summer home on Cape Cod, expecting to provide her sufficient information on the Party so that FRANCES would give up DANIEL CRYSTAL and call off the marriage. Instead, FRANCES appeared at the Cape Cod summer home and advised Mrs. DAVIS she had already married DANIEL CRYSTAL and that they were then on their honeymoon trip. Mrs. DAVIS thereupon made no reference to the Communist Party to her niece.

She stated also that her sister, the wife of ROLLO WHITE, of Melbourne, Florida, is not a Communist Party member or a member of any cited organizations, according to her best knowledge. She stated that following the testimony of Professor ROBERT GORDON DAVIS before the H.C.U.A. in

February, 1953, Mrs. ROLLO WRITTEN had commended Professor DAVIS for his stand taken before the H.C.U.A. Mrs. DAVIS feels that had her sister and her husband been affiliated with any organizations similar to the Communist Party they definitely would not have written a commendatory letter to Professor DAVIS.

As has been set out earlier in this letter, it is again pointed out that the interview of Mrs. DAVIS necessarily had to be terminated when her two school age children arrived home from school. The bulk of this interview was taken up in the obtaining of biographical and background information on Mrs. DAVIS and her first three husbands. The information concerning individuals mentioned in instant letter was made in passing by Mrs. DAVIS and subsequent interviews will be directed to enlarging the scope of information on these individuals held by Mrs. DAVIS.

The results of subsequent interviews will be reported to the Bureau and interested offices.

Director, FBI (134-435)

8/19/54

SAC, New York (65-14603)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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WORLD TOURISTS INC. C.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

ReBuairtel 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE,  
ESPIONAGE - R".

Re airtel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be channelized to the appropriate individual files.

References pertaining to World Tourists are found in the book on pages 113-117, 119, 120, 122, 123, 127, 128, 133, 136, 138, 142, 154, 163, 188, 201, 209, 210, 223, 224, 228, 230, 235, 244, 272, and 276.

References pertaining to U.S. Shipping and Service Corp., which organization was closely affiliated with World Tourists, are found in the book on pages 130, 131, 133, 153, 161, 162, 163, 209, 268, 269, 290, 291, 293 and 306. In addition, information having to do with the formation of the organization which later became known as U.S. Shipping and Service Corp., is found beginning at page 123.

A review of the information on both corporations found in the book is for the most part, in substance, similar to that furnished by Miss BENTLEY in her signed statement of November 30, 1945 (NY 65-14603-264). Inasmuch as U.S. Shipping and Service Corp. is now defunct and World Tourists is virtually defunct, particularly as it was organized and operated during the period of BENTLEY'S association with it, no dissemination of clippings from the book is being made to the World Tourist case file.

However, a copy of instant letter is being designated for the World Tourist file and attention is directed to the fact that a copy of "Out of Bondage" is maintained in the NYO library should further review of the above mentioned references become desirable in the future.

- 1 - Bureau (97-3030) (WORLD TOURISTS)
- 1 - Bureau (65-56402) (GREGORY CASE)
- 1 - New York (97-13) (WORLD TOURISTS)
- 1 - New York (134-182)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (6328)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (97-13)

SUBJECT: WORLD TOURIST, INC., NEW YORK, NEW YORK

(REGISTRATION NUMBER 405)

ISA, 1950; REGISTRATION ACT

Rebulet to NY 3/24/55, captioned, "LOUIS GIBARTI; IS-R," which signified the Bureau desired that immediate steps be taken to correct the previous characterization of LOUIS GIBARTI in all reports and letters prepared in the past. Rebulet directed that in all instances information furnished by GIBARTI should be attributed to GIBARTI by name. He should be characterized as "an alleged former Comintern representative whose credibility is not known since he has in the past furnished both reliable and unreliable information." Rebulet additionally instructed that the characterization be inserted on all copies of the communication in ink, noting the date of change and the initials of the person making the change.

In accordance with the above, the following communication has been changed in the NYO to properly attribute the information to GIBARTI by name and characterization:

(Rpt., Letter) (Airtel, Etc.)	(Date)	(Agent's Name)	(Place Where Made)	(Page Numbers)	(T-Symbol)
Report	10/15/52	SA HAROLD V. CATES	New York	89,90,101	(T-27)

Where this communication was a report, the information corresponding to the T-symbol number for GIBARTI on the informant page has been marked "Deleted."

It is requested that the Bureau and all interested offices who received copies of the communication make changes on all copies in their possession.

It is to be noted that copies of this communication were disseminated locally to the following NY agencies: None

These agencies have been advised by separate letter of GIBARTI'S new characterization and they have been advised that they may desire to change their copy of the communication accordingly.

It is noted that a copy of the above communication was disseminated locally to None. It is requested that the Office notify this agency in writing, making reference to the communication which has been changed, that GIBARTI'S credibility cannot be evaluated since he is known to have furnished both reliable and unreliable information and the agency may desire to change the copy of the communication in its possession accordingly.

cc - Los Angeles (105-761) (RM)

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- 1 - Bufile 61-6629
- 1 - NY 105-1261-Subfile A-2

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BY COURIER SERVICE

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Date: June 6, 1955

To: Director (orig. & 1)  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED, NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
(REGISTRATION NUMBER 485)  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to the report of SA Harold V. Cates dated October 15, 1952, at New York, captioned as above, single copies of which were disseminated to your Agency, Bureau of Customs, and Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce, on October 24, 1952.

Pages 89 and 90 of referenced report reflect information attributed to an informant designated T-27, who is described as of known reliability. For your information, the informant designated as T-27 is Louis Gibarti, an alleged former Comintern representative whose credibility is not known since, in the past, he has furnished both reliable and unreliable information. This is being furnished so that your records and the records of agencies receiving copies of this letter will reflect the identity and correct characterization of T-27. It is suggested that copies of referenced report furnished to your Agency, Bureau of Customs and Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce, be corrected accordingly.

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cc - 1 - Mr. Chester A. Emerick  
Deputy Commissioner, Investigations  
Bureau of Customs  
Room 7048  
Internal Revenue Service Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

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cc - 1 - Mr. D. P. Medalie  
Director  
Investigation Staff  
Bureau of Foreign Commerce  
Room 3319  
Department of Commerce  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Mr. Armando di Girolamo, Chief (orig. 2 )  
Records Administration Branch

June 6, 1955

Director, FBI

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cc - 1 - The Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

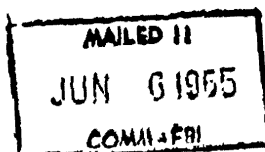
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NOTE: Bulet to New York, 3-24-55, on Gibarti, reflects necessity for correcting reports containing information from Gibarti. Bureau copies of rerep have been corrected.



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-6328)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (97-13)

SUBJECT: WORLD TOURIST INCORPORATED  
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DATE:

The present thumbnail sketch of above captioned organization is current and accurate and no changes are being made.

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- 2 - Bureau (61-6328)(RM)
- 1 - New York (100-90311)
- 1 - New York (97-13)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: November 3, 1958

FROM : G. A. NEASE

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SUBJECT:

*World Tourist, Inc.*

Ben Mandel of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee called me this afternoon. He stated there has come into the possession of the Subcommittee eleven cash books of the old World Tourist Agency. He stated they are Photostats as the original cash books had been destroyed by World Tourist. He stated that these books contain about 150 pages each and there are approximately 40 names to the page of individuals with whom World Tourist did business. He stated they have never been placed in the hearings and the thought occurred to him that we might wish to make Photostats of them in order that we could index the names in our file. He stated, of course, some names would be of no interest to us such as the Greyhound Bus Company but that the names of the individuals thereon might be of some value. I told him I would let him know.

RECOMMENDATION: That this be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for their consideration as to whether we desire to secure these documents.

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1 - Mr. Belmont

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TO : W. A. Br <sup>11/25/52</sup>igan

FROM: *H. A. [unclear]*

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*EMG*  
Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any reinterviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

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TO : W. A. Branigan, <sup>BK</sup>

FROM: W. A. Branigan

2/26/58

Jacob Golos

Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any reinterviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: 11-6-58

FROM : W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Nease
- 1 - Mr. Aull

SUBJECT: WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED  
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A memo from Mr. Nease to Mr. Tolson dated 11-3-58 pointed out that Ben Mandel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee has in his possession 11 cash books of the old World Tourist Agency; that these are Photostats of the original cash books which were destroyed by World Tourist; and, that these books contain about 150 pages each of approximately 40 names to a page showing the identities of individuals of whom World Tourist did business. Mandel indicated to Mr. Nease that the Bureau might want to make Photostats of these documents for indexing purposes and noted that some of the items would not be of interest because they included such names as the Greyhound Bus Company. Mr. Nease's memo recommended that the Domestic Intelligence Division give consideration as to desirability of securing these documents.

In connection with the investigation of World Tourist, Incorporated, the Bufile 61-6328 Serial 16 reflects that on 3-16-44 WFO advised that the Department of State had subpoenaed certain records of World Tourist, Incorporated, in connection with its investigation of passport frauds and that at that time Mr. Nicholas indicated that the Passport Division had in its files Photostat copies of the travel orders and of the ledgers covering the account relating to each person mentioned in the A. Blake account, the Primoff account and the Primoff Students T.U.U.L. Delegates account. Other reports submitted by the New York Office in connection with investigation of World Tourist, Incorporated, indicated that a review has previously been made of the available records of World Tourist in connection with the prosecution of that Agency for violation of the Registration Act in 1940.

It is possible that in this connection accounts obtained by Mr. Mandel have been previously reviewed by the Bureau.

## RECOMMENDATION:

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Prior to requesting that Mandel furnish these accounts to be Photostated, it is recommended that the account books be examined by an agent of the Washington Field Office to determine whether this information has been previously obtained by the Bureau and whether the information in Mandel's possession is the same as that available in the files of the State Department. It is suggested that Mr. Mandel be advised that the Bureau would like to have an agent examine the material in order that it can be determined whether we have previously reviewed it. If you agree with the above recommendation, WFO will be instructed to have an agent contact Mandel for the purpose outlined above.

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TO: SAC, Washington Field

FROM: Director, FBI (61-6328) 146

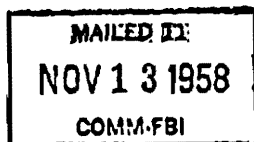
WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED  
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The Bureau has been advised by Ben Mandel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, that he has in his possession eleven cash books of the old World Tourist Agency; that these are Photostats of the original cash books of the World Tourist; that the books contain about 150 pages each with approximately 40 names on each page showing the identities of individuals with whom World Tourist did business. Mandel inquired as to whether the Bureau had these documents or copies of them.

Bufiles reflect that a report submitted by the Washington Field Office under date of 3-16-44 in the captioned case referred to records of World Tourist, Inc., which were subpoenaed by the Department of State in connection with investigations of passport frauds. The report indicates that Photostats of certain ledgers were available at the Department of State. Other reports submitted by the New York Office indicate various records of World Tourist were reviewed in connection with the prosecution of that Agency for violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act in 1940.

In order to determine whether these records have been previously reviewed by the Bureau for pertinent information regarding individuals in contact with World Tourist, Washington Field is instructed to immediately have an agent contact Mr. Mandel to examine the material in the possession of Mandel. Washington Field should determine whether there is new information in this material that would justify preparation of Photostats of it by the Bureau and the Bureau should be promptly advised of the results of the review by Washington Field.

1 - New York

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(5)MAIL ROOM ☐

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-3030)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-2916) DATE: 1/12/59

SUBJECT: ROUND THE WORLD TOURIST, aka.  
World Tourist Incorporated  
ISA of 1950; RA  
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

ReBulet to Los Angeles, 12/16/58, and  
Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 11/26/58, both captioned  
"HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES" (HCUA),  
reflecting the interest of the HCUA in companies and  
individuals engaged in selling or transmitting parcels  
behind the Iron Curtain.

The Bureau directed the attention of the  
NY and Los Angeles Offices to subject case plus the  
following cases in connection with this matter, and requested  
that NY and LA review their files for pertinent information  
not previously submitted to the Bureau in a form suitable  
for dissemination.

WYNN TOURS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

- 6 - Bureau (97-3030) (RM)
  - (1-61-6328) (World Tourist, Inc.)
  - (1-61-7582) (HCUA)
  - (1-97-3341) (Wells Tours)
  - (1-105-52803) (Wynn Tours)
- 5 - Los Angeles (105-761) (RM)
  - (1-62-1664) (HCUA)
  - (1-97-290) (Wells Tours)
  - (1-105-3886) (Wynn Tours)
- 1 - New York (97-13) (World Tourist, Inc.)
- 1 - New York (100-115609) (HCUA)
- 1 - New York (105-33572) (Wells Tours)
- 1 - New York (105-33573) (Wynn Tours)
- 1 - New York (105-2916)

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**WELLS TOURS  
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REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO: LOS ANGELES)**

A review of New York files made during December, 1958, and January, 1959, failed to reflect any pertinent information not previously furnished to the Bureau and Los Angeles in the matter of Round the World Tourist, aka., World Tourist, Inc.

New York files were also reviewed concerning World Tourist, Inc., which company ceased all activity in 1951, inasmuch as Round the World Tourist, aka, was formerly the Los Angeles branch of World Tourist, Inc. No additional information was noted.

New York files contained no information identifiable with Wynn Tours or Wells Tours. RUC.

FBI

Date: 12/17/58

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-6328)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-16855)

WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED  
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ReWFOlet 12/9/58.

On 12/16/58, BEN MANDEL, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, telephonically contacted WFO to SA CARL E. GRAHAM and stated that one CARLEY C. JOHNSON was scheduled to appear before the subcommittee on 12/17/58, and in connection therewith, MANDEL needed information contained in one of the other of the cash books of World Tourist which MANDEL had loaned to this office on 11/14/58. The pertinent books are 2 cash books of World Tourist covering the periods of March, 1929, to December, 1930, and the period of August, 1938, to September, 1939.

In accordance with his request, these 2 books were returned to Mr. MANDEL 12/16/58. At the time of returning them, MANDEL stated that if the Bureau has need for these 2 books or the remaining 9 cash books, he will make them available at any time on a loan basis.

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Director, FBI (61-6328)-149

WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED  
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Reference is made to WFO airtel dated 12-17-58, captioned as above, and to WFO letter dated 12-9-58 in this matter.

For the information of WFO, Ben Mandel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, was advised on 12-22-58 that the Bureau did not contemplate making Photostats of the material in his possession consisting of cash books of the old World Tourist organization. In view of this, WFO should take no further action relative to this matter.

1 - New York (97-13)

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NOTE: WFO was previously requested to contact Ben Mandel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, after Mandel advised the Bureau that he had 11 cash books of the old World Tourist organization which might be of possible interest to the Bureau. WFO examined these and found that they were Photostats of material formerly in the possession of the Department of State; that these records were obtained at the time of the investigation of the World Tourist organization in 1940 when Jacob Golos entered a plea of guilty to violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Golos was head of the World Tourist organization at that time and was Elizabeth Bentley's espionage superior. After examining the material, WFO pointed out that it would be of doubtful value to the Bureau due to the lack of identifying data on the individuals listed in the books. A memorandum dated 12-17-58 from Mr. Branigan to Mr. Belmont recommended that we advise Mandel that we did not contemplate making Photostats of the material because of its age and lack of identifying data appearing therein. Mandel was so advised on 12-22-58. He indicated he was having a typed list made of the names and would furnish a copy to the Bureau.

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THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT AND OTHER INTERNAL SECURITY LAWS  
UNDER S. RES. 364 (81ST CONGRESS)

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Mr. C. D. DeLoach  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. DeLoach:

Enclosed herewith you will find a typewritten copy of names which are contained in a photostatic copy of the Cash Books of World Tourists from March 1929 to September 1939. It will be remembered that World Tourists was a Communist travel organization headed by Jacob Golos who was also the head of an underground Communist espionage ring operating in the United States.

The list includes the names of some important individuals who do not appear often elsewhere in any written record.

You may, if you like, incorporate these names in your files for future reference. The photostats are in the hands of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and you are privileged to make copies if you so desire.

It should be noted by way of caution that all the names appear in the Cash Books as handwritten records and that sometimes there is some difficulty in deciphering them. The information given in the Cash Books is not fully revealing, giving merely a date and a sum of money. Having all these factors in mind, you may use this record as you see fit.

Sincerely yours,

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BENJAMIN MANDEL  
Research Director  
Internal Security Subcommittee

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Brannigan to  
Belmont  
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Memo  
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Belmont  
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11/24/59

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November 24, 1959

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WORLD TOURISTS, INC.  
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By letter dated November 12, 1959, Benjamin Mandel, Research Director, Internal Security Subcommittee, forwarded to Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach typewritten copies of names contained in Photostats of cash books of World Tourists, Inc., from March, 1929, to September, 1939. World Tourists was a Soviet-sponsored travel agency headed by Jacob Golos, who died in 1943. Golos was identified by Elizabeth Bentley as her Soviet espionage superior until the time of his death, in 1943. The lists furnished by Mr. Mandel contain approximately 4,000 names and there is no identifying data furnished with the names. In some instances only the last name appears and in many instances an initial appears for the first and middle name of the individual listed in the cash books of World Tourists. Mr. Mandel advised that the Internal Security Subcommittee has Photostats of these books and that the Bureau may make copies if it is desired to do so.

The original source of the cash books of World Tourists apparently was the Department of State. The records of World Tourists were subpoenaed in 1940. At the time, the organization and Jacob Golos were charged with violation of the Registration Act. It is from these records that the State Department determined that a number of communists were obtaining passports that were being paid for through Communist Party funds. From a review of the list of names furnished by Mr. Mandel it has been determined that many of the names are the same as those of well-known security subjects on whom the Bureau has previously conducted investigations. There is, however, no identifying data with the names appearing on the lists and it is therefore not possible to definitely state that the names on the lists furnished by Mr. Mandel are identical with those of known security subjects.

Furthermore the appearance of a name on the lists does not necessarily mean that the person had subversive connections or that the person actually traveled to Russia. For this reason no definite conclusion can be drawn in so far as the purpose of the contact of the individual with World Tourists is concerned.

We have consulted the Record Section for an opinion as to the value of indexing these names and it appears that an indexing project would involve considerable time and expense with no particular value

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Memorandum from Mr. Branigan to Mr. Belmont  
Re: World Tourists, Inc.  
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to be derived from the indexing because of the lack of identifying data. Furthermore it is noted that the lists cover the years 1929 through 1939 and that in all probabilities a considerable number of the persons whose names appear in the early records of World Tourists are now deceased.

In the event we desire to refer to the cash books of World Tourists in connection with any investigation we would want to check the original record, if it was available, and in the absence of the original record we would want to examine the Photostats which are available in the files of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee according to Mr. Mandel's letter of November 12, 1959.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, it is felt that no useful purpose will be served by maintaining the typewritten lists furnished by Mr. Mandel, and it is, therefore, recommended that the lists of names from the cash books of World Tourists be destroyed.

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World Tourists, Inc.  
Bureau file 61-6328  
New York file 97-13

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NY T-1 (b)(1)  
October, 1954

Source furnished records which reflected World Tourists, Inc. is a New York corporation chartered on June 10, 1927, with an authorized capital of \$50,000. U

NY T-3  
No date available

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, New York City, reflect the purpose of the formation of World Tourists, Inc., was to "arrange and map out travel tours between the United States and foreign countries and in connection therewith prepare, buy, purchase and distribute booklets and information rates, travelling facilities between the United States and foreign countries." U

Source, [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D) advised in 1941, World Tourists, Inc., was organized in May, 1927 to establish a travel bureau which would become one of the sources of money for the "Daily Worker", and would also create interest in tourist travel in the Soviet Union. U

(b)(7)(D) In what the source claimed was a written report made [REDACTED] to the corporation, he stated, in part, that World Tourists, Inc. had given to the Party press large sums of money and, in addition, had aided the Party directly in a financial way, and also indicated that loans running into the thousands of dollars had been sent to the Party, the Party press and the Party printing plants, etc, to enable them to tide over a serious crisis. U

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Source furnished a photostat of a document entitled "Memorandum of Proposals as to World Tourists", which revealed that World Tourists, Inc., was a commercial organization established to take charge of all steamship tickets, tours, hotels, railway passengers and arrangements for the comfort of passengers and their transportation to Soviet Russia or elsewhere. U

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)  
New York City  
1941

On September 1 and 2, 1948, source made available information pertaining to World Tourists, Inc. Among the items furnished was a report, which, in part, stated as follows:

"Report of the Sub-Committee of the Central Control Committee of the Central Control Committee on the World Tourists, Inc."

"The World Tourists was established in 1927 for the purpose of helping the Party press financially. Since its organization they have sent 682 tourists to the USSR. Since last year, the business of the organization increased about 75%. During 1930, 320 tourists were sent over....". U

Under the heading, "Present Condition", this report, in part, reflected: U

"The organization, up until a few months ago, consisted of three members on the Board of Directors: Comrades M. GOODMAN, J. BRODSKY, the third member TRACHTENBERG being the Party representative in this organization....". U

NY T-115  
September 1 and 2, 1948

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Source in February, 1940, made available an agreement between World Tourists, Inc. and Intourist of Russia, dated May 7, 1930, whereby World Tourists became the agent of Intourist in the United States. U

ROBERT L. WEINER  
Assistant United States  
Attorney, Southern District  
of New York  
February, 1940

Source furnished information in 1941, which reflected JACOB GOLOS had advised that World Tourists, Inc. had no direct dealings with Russia since March, 1940, and that as a result of this World Tourists, Inc. had let its registration lapse because of the inactivity. All funds collected by World Tourists, Inc. were turned over under their license to the United States Service and Shipping Company, and these funds represented the cost of sending packages to Russia. It was reported World Tourists, Inc., was then solely engaged in United States inland travel activities and acting as the New York representative for the United States Service and Shipping Company. U

NY T-116  
1941

The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. U

The records of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia reflect that on March 15, 1940, World Tourists, Inc. and JACOB RAISIN with alias J. N. GOLOS, individually plead guilty to the charge of not registering as an agent of the Soviet Government. World Tourists, Inc. was fined \$500 and JACOB RAISIN was sentenced to jail for four months to one year in addition to receiving a \$500 fine. U

Source advised in November, 1945, she recalled JACOB GOLOS having received a suspended sentence as a result of an investigation conducted in connection with World Tourists, Inc. In this connection, she stated that in the fall of 1940, GOLOS advised her that he desired to have one American corporation which would be able to handle all tourist, shipping and other matters between the United States and Russia. U

According to the source, about that same time GOLOS discussed this whole matter with EARL BROWDER, who, in turn, talked it over with LEM HARRIS. HARRIS reportedly introduced JOHN H. REYNOLDS to BROWDER and GOLOS. As a result of these negotiations, the United States Service and Shipping Corporation, located at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, was formed. The sum of \$20,000 was put up at the time the company was formed, \$15,000 of which was supplied by BROWDER and \$5,000 by JOHN H. REYNOLDS, who was to head the corporation. U

The basic purpose of forming this company was to ship packages to Russia. In this connection, World Tourists, Inc. became a receiving agent for the United States Service and Shipping Corporation and the United States Service and Shipping Corporation acted as a bookkeeping agent for all transactions concerning the shipping of packages to Russia. U

According to the source, the United States Service and Shipping Corporation started operations about April, 1941, with JOHN H. REYNOLDS as president and treasurer; ELIZABETH BENTLEY as vice president and secretary, and MAX SPECTOR, former employee of Amtorg Trading Corporation and a Communist, as assistant treasurer. U

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY,  
self-confessed former Soviet  
espionage agent  
November 30, 1945

Source advised EARL BROWDER had told her in 1944 that World Tourists, Inc. was wholly owned by the CP, USA, but had originally been commandeered by JACOB GOLOS for his use. BROWDER indicated he considered the situation concerning World Tourists, Inc., and the United States Service and Shipping Corporation in 1944 as very dangerous inasmuch as both companies were involved in Russian espionage activities. BROWDER desired ELIZABETH BENTLEY to <sup>take</sup> complete charge of World Tourists, Inc. for the CP, USA. U

According to the source, the Russians were anxious to effect a separation of World Tourists, Inc. and the United States Service and Shipping Corporation and the CP, USA, and, in this connection, considered getting someone to take JOHN H. REYNOLDS' interests or possibly getting someone to front for REYNOLDS in the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. U

In January or February, 1945, as a result of negotiations between the Russians and EARL BROWDER, with ELIZABETH BENTLEY acting as a go-between, it was decided World Tourists, Inc. would be turned over to BROWDER and the CP, USA, and the Russians were to take over the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. It was arranged that when the Russians took over they were to reimburse BROWDER for the \$15,000 that was originally put into the United States Service and Shipping Corporation by BROWDER and the CP, USA. U

Source related BROWDER subsequently was ousted from the CP in 1945, and subsequent to his ouster, repeated attempts were made by the CP, through LEM HARRIS, to collect this \$15,000 previously advanced. However, the CP was unsuccessful and the only money repaid was to BROWDER, who received \$3,000 from the United States Service and Shipping Corporation through ELIZABETH BENTLEY. U

Source added the United States Service and Shipping Corporation went out of business in October, 1946. U

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, supra  
No date available

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The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Foley Square, New York City, reflect the United States Service and Shipping Corporation was incorporated on February 20, 1941, under the laws of New York State. The authorized capital stock of the corporation was \$50,000 and its offices were located at 120 Broadway, New York City. The directors and subscribers to the capital stock were listed as:

JOSEPH F. MANN

DONALD A. POWELL

CHARLES S. BANNERMAN, all of 120 Broadway, New York City.

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January 14, 1974

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

On December 11, 1973 you wrote to Professor James K. Lyon of our University of Florida Department of German. Your files concerning Bertolt Brecht can be obtained for \$160. Dr. Lyon will obtain letters from Brecht's heirs granting their approval.

Dr. Lyon has asked the University of Florida Libraries to furnish the funds for the purchase of the Brecht xerox. If funds are furnished, may we ask if this material can be placed in our library collection? Will the general public be allowed access to it?

Dr. Lyon and other researchers are very excited about the new sources of information which may be available. We have had requests to inquire about available FBI material on the following:

1. Elizabeth Bentley
2. Whittaker Chambers
3. Ernest Hemingway
4. John Dos Passos

Thank you for any information you can give us in this matter.

*Ray Jones*  
Ray Jones  
Social Sciences  
Research Librarian

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Mr. Ray Jones  
Research Librarian  
Department of Reference and  
Bibliography  
The University Libraries  
The University of Florida  
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter of January 14th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry regarding Dr. James K. Lyon's request for information from our files concerning Bertolt Brecht, this Bureau has no objection to the documents we furnish Dr. Lyon becoming a part of your library's collection for the use of the general public.

A review of our indices indicates we have voluminous references on Elizabeth Bentley, Whittaker Chambers, Ernest Hemingway, and John Dos Passos and it will be necessary to review all of these references to assure we identify all of the information pertaining to them. Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9, we are authorized to charge a prescribed rate for furnishing copies of information and the time spent searching and screening our records. Our files concerning the four individuals you mentioned consist of approximately 102,530 pages. Based on a preliminary estimate, we anticipate the cost to process your request to be \$16,300. A 25 percent deposit of \$4,075, payable by check or money order to the Treasury of the United States, will be required to initiate processing; however, payment of the deposit should not be interpreted as a guarantee that you will be furnished all of the material you have requested.

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Mr. Ray Jones

We extend to you the opportunity to confer with us in an attempt to reformulate your request in a manner which will reduce the fees and still meet your needs.

If you wish to pursue your request, please indicate in writing your willingness to pay fees as high as are anticipated and enclose a deposit as mentioned above. Thereafter, we will acknowledge receipt of your deposit and advise you when we can begin the necessary processing.

Sincerely yours,

*C. M. Kelley*

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing identifiable with correspondent. The main files concerning the individuals concerned are: Elizabeth Bentley - 134-435, 65-56402, 65-6122, 61-6328, and 9-16655; Whittaker Chambers - 65-56402, 74-1333, and 100-25824; Ernest Hemingway - 64-23312 (approximately 400 see references); and John Dos Passos - 97-2497 (approximately 300 see references).



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**Dear Directors:**

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Cedric Foster  
The Yankee Network  
21 Brookline Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Foster:

I received your letter of November 24, 1948, and want to thank you for sending me the communication which you enclosed as requested by the anonymous correspondent. Your cooperation in this matter is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

January 23, 1948

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "CHARLIE";  
UNSOLVED SITUATIONS  
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Informant GREGORY who was a Soviet intelligence agent operating in Washington, D.C. and New York in the early 1940's stated that her principal, JACOB GOLOS, obtained another contact to whom he delivered the material collected by GREGORY. GREGORY learned that this individual was known as "CHARLIE" and that he was a dentist.

In one of GREGORY's later meetings with "JACK," an unidentified Soviet espionage agent, the informant learned from "JACK" that JACOB GOLOS' contact "CHARLIE" was described as follows:

Age	About 55 years (1942)
Height	5'5"
Weight	160
Build	Stocky
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Swarthy
Nationality	Russian Jew
Occupation	Dentist in NYC

After the informant had been furnished this description by "JACK", informant recalled that she had accidentally seen GOLOS at one time with an individual who answered the description of the person described by "JACK." Subsequently, informant had learned that "CHARLIE" was a permanent resident of the United States and had apparently been in this country for many years but informant was unable to learn in what part of New York he resided.

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SAC, Salt Lake City

February 15, 1949

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"  
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For the information of the Salt Lake City and Denver Offices, Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, who has admitted her activities as a Soviet espionage agent in Washington, D. C. and New York City during the period from 1941 to 1945, furnished the following information concerning an individual known to her only as "Charlie".

She stated that in the early 1940's her principal in Soviet espionage, Jacob Golos, had a contact to whom he delivered espionage material which had been collected by Bentley. She stated that she learned that "Charlie" was a dentist by profession with offices in New York City and who she described as follows:

Age	About 55 years (1942)
Height	5' 5"
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Swarthy
Nationality	Russian Jew
Occupation	Dentist in New York City

C. L. R. 7

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"Charlie" has not been identified to date.

There is attached hereto for all offices receiving copies of this letter a photostatic copy of anonymous letter and an envelope postmarked Salt Lake City, Utah, October 25, 1943, addressed to Mr. Cedric Foster, c/o Mutual Broadcasting, Boston, Massachusetts, which was referred to the Bureau by Foster. It appears from the enclosed letter that Charles is a dentist and Eva (Bacon) is a song writer. It appears further that Eva is now residing or has resided in Ogden, Utah, or Denver, Colorado.

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The Washington Field Office is the office of origin in this case.

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CC BUREAU  
CC WASHINGTON FIELD

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

301 Continental Bank Building  
Salt Lake City 1, Utah  
March 11, 1949

Director, FBI

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Charlie  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Rebulet 2/15/49 and teletype from Denver 3/4/49.

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These records further revealed that CHARLES L. BACON did not appear in court and apparently was not in Salt Lake City at the time the divorce was granted, inasmuch as he was served a summons in connection with the above-mentioned divorce by Undersheriff THOMAS MAINLAND on October 16, 1944 at Denver, Colorado. BACON'S address was not shown on the return summons. The records contained no description or place of residence for either EVA M. BACON or CHARLES L. BACON, but they did indicate that the BACONS were married June 14, 1917 at Pocatello, Idaho and had two adult children.

H. D. PUGSLEY, Attorney, Continental Bank Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, who was listed as EVA M. BACON'S attorney, advised his records regarding the divorce obtained by EVA M. BACON have been destroyed and he has no information relative to EVA M. or CHARLES L. BACON or the place they resided while in Salt Lake City.

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He advised that from his acquaintance with the BACON family he believes them to be substantial citizens of the community.

The following sources of information were checked without developing any further information relative to CHARLES L. or EVA M. BACON:

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The records of the Petal Credit Men's Association, Denver, reflect that CHARLES L. BACON, a dentist at Denver, formerly lived at Leadville, Colorado and that his wife at one time owned property at 5774 Raleigh Street; that this property was sold and she went to New York City. The record reflects that BACON suffered heavy financial losses in the 1930's. The Credit Bureau records contain no further information of value concerning BACON or his wife.

The records of the Denver Police Department reflect that CHARLES L. BACON was arrested December 4, 1934, apparently as a result

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of an automobile accident, and was charged with taking the right-of-way. He was fined \$10.00.

One copy of this report is being designated for New York in view of the fact that that office currently has leads outstanding in this case.

The following description of CHARLES L. BACON was obtained by observation and from the Driver's License Division of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Denver:

Age	39
Birthdate	May 17, 1929
Birthplace	Dallas, Texas
Height	6' 2"
Weight	230

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 17, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, alias CHARLES;  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet to Salt Lake City, February 15, 1949, and report of SA  
G. Edward Smart dated March 25, 1949, at Denver.

The indices of the New York Office reflect no information pertain-  
ing to CHARLES L. BACON or EVA BACON.

The above individuals were also discussed with ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
by Special Agent Joseph W. Kelly on May 16, 1949, at which time BENTLEY advised  
that she had no knowledge of either of them. RUC.

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cc - Washington Field

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SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

August 23, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WA.,  
CHARLIE  
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Reference is made to Bureau letter to Salt Lake City dated April 15, 1949, concerning the above captioned individual. It will be noted that your office was designated office of origin in this case in the above communication.

A review of the Bureau files reflects that the last communication from your office was a letter dated January 23, 1943. The files further reflect that all outstanding investigation has been conducted by other offices.

It is requested that you advise the Bureau of the present status of this investigation in your office.

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Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *WJH* WY RUTHE, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WA.,  
"CHARLIE"  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: October 12, 1949

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 23, 1949.

It is respectfully requested that the office of origin in this case be changed to New York City. As indicated hereafter, the major ~~facts~~ *facts* available concerning "CHARLIE" reflect that he is a New York resident of many years' duration and has never been known to reside in Washington or to have been in Washington, D. C. There have never been any leads pertaining to Unknown Subject "CHARLIE" in this territory, nor do any such leads suggest themselves at this time.

It is believed that eventual identification of this subject will grow out of the investigation of espionage subjects in New York which is the office best able to correlate the information toward this end and is presently office of origin in the related investigations of unknown subjects JOHN, FRANK and JACK (now identified as JOSEPH KATZ), all subjects in the GREGORY Case.

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To summarize the facts known about Unknown Subject "CHARLIE", it is recalled that Informant GREGORY stated that prior to the existence of the SILVERMASTER group in 1942, JACOB GOLOS disposed of the espionage material collected to a Russian whose name ended in "ian", believed to have been GAIK OVAKIMIAN. Following the arrest of the individual above, GREGORY learned that the material was being handed over to another contact known as CHARLIE and who was described as a dentist who had undergone a gall bladder operation.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

October 12, 1949

In later meetings with Unknown Subject JACK, GREGORY learned from JACK that CHARLIE was described as about 55 years old, (2-4-10/44-5/45) 5' 5" tall, 160 pounds, stocky build, dark hair and eyes, swarthy complexion, and Russian-Jewish. From this description, GREGORY then recollected having accidentally seen GOLOS on one occasion with an individual whose description fitted that supplied by Unknown Subject JACK. There appeared to be no certainty that this individual called to memory by JACK's description was actually Unknown Subject CHARLIE nor is it certain that Unknown Subject JACK gave GREGORY a truthful description of CHARLIE.

GREGORY has further advised that about the time the SILVERMASTER group came into existence in 1942, JACOB GOLOS made arrangements for GREGORY to meet Unknown Subject JOHN, a slim young Russian. This meeting occurred in a drug store on 9th Avenue in the 50's in New York City. JOHN had in his possession a copy of the photograph of GREGORY and in effecting a meeting with her was to inform GREGORY that CHARLIE sent him. The use of the name of CHARLIE as a password is suggestive of significance but not necessarily connected with Unknown Subject CHARLIE.

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October 12, 1949

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SAC, NEW YORK

October 26, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WA.,

"CHARLIE"

ESPIONAGE - R

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Reference is made to Washington Field Office letter dated October 12, 1949 concerning the above-captioned subject.

In accordance with the request submitted by the Washington Field Office the New York Office is designated as the office of origin in this case.

Reference is further made to the report of Special Agent Donald E. Shannon, dated August 11, 1949 at New York entitled "Abraham Benedict Weinstein, Security Matter - C", on page two wherein information is set forth to the effect that an individual known as "Charlie" was a dentist with offices in Midtown, Manhattan, and was one of a group that was engaged in espionage activity. (100-361170-5)

You will recall that considerable investigation has been conducted in connection with the Silvermaster case in an effort to identify Dr. Weinstein as "Charlie" and that, to date, no positive identification of Weinstein has been made, although his background and description has a definite resemblance to that of "Charlie", who was described by Elizabeth Bentley. (65-56402-220-21)

In view of the above fact, the New York Office is requested to review the available information in its files on Unknown Subject, "Charlie" and to report the results of this review in the form of a summary report. This report should set forth any appropriate undeveloped leads which may come to the attention of your office during the course of its preparation and it is suggested that the following facts, in addition to those set forth in referenced letter from the Washington Field Office, be considered in preparing the report:

Elizabeth Bentley stated that on one or two occasions she informed Margaret (who has since been identified as Olga F-COMMUNIST/STARS SECTION) that he was to contact Golos. Bentley estimated that the information was given to "Margaret" late in 1941 or in the early part of 1942. (65-56402, summary report dated August 24, 1948)

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It will be noted that Olga Pravdina returned to Russia in March, 1946. (65-56402, summary report dated August 24, 1948)

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In the light of the above information your attention should be directed toward developing any information that will reflect a contact between Olga Pravdina and Dr. Abraham S. Weinstein during the period mentioned by Bentley.

In the event that other logical suspects are developed during the course of your review, and the preparation of the summary report, you should keep in mind that unknown Subject "Charlie" cannot be identified by Bentley and that it will therefore be necessary to establish the identity of "Charlie" on the basis of detailed facts which have been developed.

This summary should be prepared so that it will reach the Bureau by November 25, 1949.

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UNSUB., WA., <sup>①</sup>CHARLIE, ECP-R. REDULET OCT. TWENTYSIXTH, LAST. EXTENSIVE  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

CGO. FILE NO. **65-3356**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/15/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/28/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. RULON PAXMAN</b> <span style="float: right;">WRP:JMS</span>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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### REFERENCE:

Bulet to New York dated November 7, 1949

### DETAILS:

#### AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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COO. FILE NO. **65-5358**

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ALCOA, INC.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Charlie"  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. Fulton Larkin, dated December 15, 1949, at Chicago, concerning the above captioned subject. It is noted that an informant of the Chicago Office has advised that Unknown Subject "Charlie" was reported to have a son who was believed to have been involved in an accident in Moscow.

Referenced report also sets forth the fact that "Charlie" spoke such poor English that he could not properly converse with a person who spoke only English.

You are requested to conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to ascertain whether or not Jacob Mindel's son was ever involved in an accident in Moscow and whether his son is presently alive. It is believed that this information may be available in the files of your office in view of the extensive investigation already conducted on Jacob Mindel.

It is further requested that you review all available photographs in the files of your office and that any additional photographs of Mindel without a mustache be furnished to the Chicago Office in order that they may be examined by the informant in an effort to definitely identify Jacob Mindel as Unknown Subject "Charlie."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 27, 1949

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Charlie"  
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Re report of SA WILLIAM V. GRICKIS, New York, December 12, 1949. *Ad*  
This report sets out a lead for the Chicago Office on page thirteen,  
which lead has been covered by report of SA W. RULON PAXMAN,  
Chicago, Illinois, December 15, 1949.

WRP:lab

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cc: New York (65-14778)

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MR. FLETCHER

November 7, 1949

MR. WHITSON

DR. JACOB MINDEL, was: A. Mindel, Dr. Jacob Mindell,  
"Pop" Mindel; INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "Charlie"  
ESPIONAGE - R

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE.

PURPOSE

To show the possible identity of Dr. Jacob Mindel, was  
with Unknown Subject, was "Charlie," who, you may recall, was one of the  
unidentified subjects in the Gregory Case.

BACKGROUND OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"

Elizabeth Bentley advised that Jacob Golos had told her  
that he had turned over the material which she had obtained from the  
Silvermasters to a Russian Contact; that she eventually learned that this  
Russian contact was a person whose last name ended in "ian" (probably  
Gaik Ovakinian). She stated that after the arrest of Ovakinian, Golos  
obtained another contact to whom he delivered his material. Bentley  
said she later learned that this individual was known as "Charlie," that  
he was a dentist, and that he had had a gall bladder operation. She  
said that in one of her later meetings with her contact "Jack," she learned  
from "Jack" a description of "Charlie." (See the descriptions below)

Bentley further advised that after she had been given this description  
by "Jack," she recalled that she accidentally saw Golos at one time with  
an individual who answered the description of the person described to her  
by "Jack." She said she learned from "Jack" that "Charlie" was a permanent  
resident of the United States and had apparently been in this country for  
many years. She said she was never able to learn in what part of New York  
City "Charlie" resided. (65-56402-220, pages 20 and 21)

Bentley further stated that some time in 1942 Golos began to give  
her verbal instructions for the guidance of Silvermaster and his group  
relative to the nature of the information desired, and still later,  
probably in the last part of 1942, Golos began to give her typewritten  
instructions in Russian furnished to Golos by "Charlie" to be taken by  
Bentley to Silvermaster. She said her knowledge of Russian was  
insufficient for her to gain an accurate idea of the type of information  
called for in the written instructions. (Ibid, page 23)

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Bentley also advised that in connection with her belief that her material was being turned over to an individual in New York, she recalled that one of the individuals who was a contact of Colos named "Charlie" was a long-time resident and practitioner in Manhattan. (Ibid, page 70)

Bentley advised that she met her Russian contact "Margaret" in the latter part of 1941 or the early part of 1942; that she met her probably five or six times in all, covering a period of approximately four months. She said that on one or two occasions she told "Margaret" that "Margaret" was to inform "Charlie" to get in touch with Colos. (Ibid, page 73)

POSSIBILITY THAT DR. JACOB MINDEL, was MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"

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The informant stated that the illegal activities of the Communist Party during that period were under the jurisdiction of J. Peters, whom he described as the Secretary of the "Illegal Activities" or the underground section of the Communist Party, USA. He said that in connection with the illegal activities of the Party, the "Department of the Cadres" organized all work in connection with the contacts with the Communist International. He said that this department also had in its field the political and other control of the members. This chapter of its activity was carried out by the "National Control Commission," which functioned under a Communist named Charles Dirba. The informant stated that two American Russians were assigned to Dirba for this work. One of them was Mindel, a dentist, with offices on the Union Square, and the other was Alexander Trachtenberg, who officially handled the "International Publishers."

The informant said that Mindel had a son in the USSR who was under the complete control of the Russians who used him as a liaison between the "Department of the Cadres" and the nucleus of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, a branch of which is composed of Russians on active missions in the United States. He advised that Mindel, Trachtenberg and Dirba furnished a considerable amount of information to the Russian

Embassy, mainly of a political character. He said that they were, in addition, the "Supreme Court of the Party." They made decisions regarding expulsions and other disciplinary measures.

As far as illegal travel, passports and visas were concerned, he stated they were technically handled by Jacob Golos, head of World Tourist. (61-6629-26)

The following information appears in the main file on Dr. Jacob Mindel which corresponds with the information furnished by Louis Gibardi and Bentley:

Mindel was born in Russia on September 18, 1881. He arrived in the United States on October 15, 1904 and was naturalized on June 11, 1915. (which confirms the information furnished by Bentley that "Charlie" had been in the U.S. for many years.)

Mindel joined the Communist Party, USA in 1921 and since that time has been an ardent Communist. He was licensed as a practicing dentist in New York City in 1914 but gave up his practice in 1930 in order to devote his full time to the Communist movement. Since the early 1930's he has been teaching at the Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City. He is presently a member of the National Review Commission of the Communist Party, USA. At a meeting of the National Review Commission of the Communist Party held at the Hotel Albert, New York City, on November 15, 1945, Jacob Mindel spoke on the "Cadre Policy of the Party."

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COMPARATIVE DESCRIPTIONS OF JACOB MINDEL AND  
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa "Charlie"

Elizabeth Bentley furnished the following description of the Unknown Subject, wa "Charlie":

Age	About 55 years (1942)
Height	5' 5"
Weight	160
Build	Stocky
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Swarthy
Nationality	Russian Jew
Occupation	Dentist, New York City

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The following description of Jacob Mindel was contained in the Occupational Questionnaire at Local Board No. 179, Brooklyn, New York, dated August 22, 1942:

Age	61 years
Born	September 18, 1881 at Minsk, Russia
Height	5'6"
Weight	157 lbs.
Build	Stocky
Hair	Gray-black
Complexion	Very dark
Occupation	Dentist; presently teacher, Workers School, New York City
Religion	Jewish
Marital status	Married
Naturalization	June 11, 1915 in New York City
Residence	369 St. John's Place, Brooklyn, NY.
Relatives	Wife - Mrs. Rebecca Mirsky Mindel Daughter - Florence, believed to be in Russia. Daughter and son - names unknown

In this statement it is interesting to note that Mindel stated that he engaged in general dental practice from 1914 to 1932 and that he has been a paid teacher of the Workers School, New York City since 1933.

ACTION

There are approximately 200 references in the Bureau files to J. Mindel, Jacob Mindel and one Mindel.

In view of the possible identity of Mindel with the Unknown Subject, wa "Charlie," it is recommended that the Correlation Unit be instructed to prepare a correlation summary on Jacob Mindel for possible use in connection with this investigation.

It is further recommended that this summary be expedited.

There is attached hereto for your approval a letter to the Field containing leads to further attempt to verify the identity of "Charlie" with Dr. Jacob Mindel.

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cc: 65-57904

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

FILE NO. 65-1710

REPORT MADE AT <b>BALTIMORE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/18/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/14/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>FRANK G. JOHNSTONE /abm</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Wa.; "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS fails to identify photograph of JACOB MINDEL. States he does not know MINDEL; has never known him under that name or the pseudonym "CHARLIE" and knows of no activity by MINDEL in C. P. underground.

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Bulet dated 11/7/49.

DETAILS:

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND:

When interviewed at the Baltimore Office, JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was shown the photograph of JACOB MINDEL and was furnished all the information regarding MINDEL set out in referenced Bureau letter. CHAMBERS failed to identify the photograph of MINDEL as anyone he has ever known. Although he stated that the name MINDEL seemed somewhat familiar, CHAMBERS advised that he has never known MINDEL personally under that name, the pseudonym "CHARLIE", or any other name, and has never known personally or learned through hearsay of MINDEL being engaged Communist Party underground activities.

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LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD AND CHICAGO OFFICES:

Copies of this report are furnished to these offices for information since they also received copies of referenced Bureau letter and have been requested by the Bureau to conduct certain investigation.

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "Charlie"  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: November 29, 1949

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 7, 1949 to New York with particular reference to JACOB MINDEL.

Check of the indices of the Washington Field Office fails to reflect that JACOB MINDEL has ever been known to contact the Soviet Embassy or any other official Soviet organization.

The files of the Passport Division, State Department, were checked by Special Agent David R. Lawrie and it was ascertained that there is no additional information pertaining to JACOB MINDEL since his file was reviewed by Agent Lawrie in the Fall of 1948, nor did the Passport Division records reveal any additional information concerning DANIEL K. MINDEL son of JACOB MINDEL.

The results of the check of passport files mentioned above is contained in letter from Washington Field to the New York Division under date of November 29, 1948 in the case entitled "Dr. JACOB MINDEL, was: Internal Security - C".

It is suggested that the New York Office incorporate in their next report in this case, the material in this letter deemed pertinent to instant case. RUC.

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Chicago

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 FILE REVIEW BEING CONDUCTED BY AGENT HANDLING CASE IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP  
 INFO RE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS WHO MAY BE IDENT WITH SUBJECT. FURTHER IN-  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, San Francisco  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was "CHARLIE"  
ESPIONAGE - R

Air Mail

DATE: June 9, 1950

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It is believed that HARRY JOSEPH WOLFSON should be considered a logical suspect as being identical with the Unknown Subject CHARLIE mentioned by ELIZABETH BENTLEY for the following reasons:

- 1) BENTLEY stated that in speaking with JOSEPH KATZ about CHARLIE, KATZ said that CHARLIE had been in this country for years and years and was "a real old timer".

WOLFSON came to the United States in 1911 and was naturalized in

1917.

- 2) BENTLEY said that CHARLIE was about 55 in 1942.

WOLFSON was born April 25, 1887.

- 3) KATZ told BENTLEY that CHARLIE was not "one of their people". This meant to BENTLEY that CHARLIE was not one of the Russian official family.

WOLFSON is an old time Communist and according to New Haven Office as not been attending regular meetings of the Party or participating actively in Party affairs in recent years. This follows the Soviet pattern that a person engaging in Soviet Espionage activities discontinues party activities.

- 4) JACOB SOLOS stated that CHARLIE was one of the older people and got on well together.

WOLFSON was the first active member of the Communist Party in New Haven and has been reported as a contact of ALEXANDER TEACHTENBERG dating back to the time that WOLFSON was an associate of EZRA FELDMAN. FELDMAN was reportedly a former Comintern or OGPU agent and was a former partner of WOLFSON in the United Dental Company of New Haven in the nineteen twenties. (Information reported by New Haven, original source of information is not known to this office).

- 5) BENTLEY said that when she first mentioned CHARLIE to KATZ, he stated "Oh, yes, I know that dentist".

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WOLFSON is a dental mechanic.

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HARRY WOLFSON is the father of JOSEPH WOLFSON, who was a partner of KATZ in the Meriden Dental Laboratory. 97375

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Miss BENTLEY recalled that on one occasion she went to Robert's Restaurant, which was located between 26th and 27th Streets on Broadway, New York City, where she intended to have lunch. When she entered the restaurant she noticed that GOLOS was already in the restaurant and was sitting, talking to a man. She said that GOLOS did not introduce her to the man which he ordinarily would have done unless the person was one of his espionage contacts. Miss BENTLEY said that subsequent to this, GOLOS mentioned something about his having seen "CHARLIE", and from this she inferred that the individual she saw with GOLOS was the Unknown Subject, "CHARLIE". She stated that this man was seated at a table when she saw him and, therefore, a description would be rather hard to give. However, it was her impression that he was approximately 5' 5" in height, rather heavy build, dark skin and beard, and dark hair. She stated that she did not recall this individual's hair having been predominately gray. She described this man as having dark eyes.

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*Handwritten:* Mr. Harry Robinson

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Director, FBI

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GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 9, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias, "Charlie";  
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Due to the fact that the agent handling the above-captioned case has been assisting in the investigation of the HARRY GOLD case and other cases relating thereto, which have required immediate attention, investigation in instant matter has been delayed. It is contemplated that this investigation will be conducted and a report submitted in the very near future.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

DATE: August 29, 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Wa "Charlie"  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebuform C-1, 8/25/50.

Agent to whom this case assigned still tied up full time in investigation of JULIUS ROSENBERG case and others involved in his espionage parallel. There is no agent available at this time to whom this case may be reassigned without adversely affecting the work of those agents on matters which are also considered urgent.

In the event it is essential a report be submitted to the Bureau immediately please advise by teletype and other urgent matters will be deferred in order to forward a report to the Bureau.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa, "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Further investigation regarding JACOB MINDEL reflects that only operation which he had occurred in 1949 for a prostate ailment. No indication in medical history of any serious illness in 1942 or 1943. MINDEL'S son, DANIEL MINDEL, said to have been afflicted with spastic paralysis due to a birth injury and, therefore, died in late 1930's at an institution in Connecticut, having been completely helpless all his life. Spot check surveillances, in effort to obtain photographs of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLESKY, Dentist, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, negative to date.

*for 11-24-50  
to advise when report may be  
submitted  
A.C.B.*

*Reply from N.Y.  
11-24-50 - Report and be  
submitted 12-7-50 -  
A.C.B.*

## DETAILS:

DR. JACOB MINDEL

The records of the Clerk's Office, Supreme Court of New York, Brooklyn, New York, reflected that JACOB MINDEL was admitted to citizenship on June 11, 1915. At the time of his naturalization, one ISAAC STANLER, Dentist and LEO POWELL, medical student, were witnesses.

The New York Telephone Directory lists LEO M. POWELL, M.  
300 West 49th Street, New York City.

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LEADS

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NEW YORK

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Bureau of Special Services and  
Investigation, New York City Police  
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REFERENCE:

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa, "Charlie"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Further investigation regarding JACOB MINDEL reflects that only operation which he had occurred in 1949 for a prostate ailment. No indication in medical history of any serious illness in 1942 or 1943. MINDEL'S son, DANIEL MINDEL, said to have been afflicted with spastic paralysis due to a birth injury and, therefore, died in late 1930's at an institution in Connecticut, having been completely helpless all his life. Spot check surveillances, in effort to obtain photographs of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, Dentist, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, negative to date.

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## DETAILS:

### DR. JACOB MINDEL

The records of the Clerk's Office, Supreme Court of New York, Brooklyn, New York, reflected that JACOB MINDEL was admitted to citizenship on June 11, 1915. At the time of his naturalization, one ISAAC STANLER, Dentist and LEO POWELL, medical student, were witnesses.

The New York Telephone Directory lists LEO M. POWELL, M.D. 300 West 49th Street, New York City.

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Director, FBI

December 12, 1950

SAC, New York

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Catherine  
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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Charlie  
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(GREGORY CASE)  
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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Frank  
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(GREGORY CASE)  
(Bufile 65-57915)

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Bureau suggestion that Unknown Subjects, wa Bill, Frank  
may be identical has been noted.

A review of the file on Unknown Subject "Frank" reflects that the only information regarding this individual has been furnished by ALEXANDER KORAL and his wife, HELEN KORAL, both of whom are regarded as unreliable. The information furnished by them is extremely meager in view of the fact that they admitted having been contacted by "Frank" on rather numerous occasions. It is also noted that there is considerable variance in the descriptions furnished by HELEN and by ALEXANDER KORAL. In addition, it has been noted that the KORALS have not in the past been particularly cooperative in this matter as is evidenced in part by the meager descriptions furnished by them and by ALEXANDER KORAL'S refusal to furnish any further information when he last appeared at this office on 3/20/50.

An interview with Catherine Duffy, former maid at the home of VICTOR HAYDIN and OLGA HAYDINA is contemplated in the very near future to obtain such knowledge as she may have concerning Unknown Subjects Bill, Catherine, Charlie.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Frank



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The Bureau desires to call to your attention the possibility that Unknown Subject, wa Bill, may be identical with Unknown Subject, wa Frank. It is believed that this possibility exists in view of the following facts:

(1) The description of Frank as given by Helen and Alexander Koral is very similar to the description of Bill furnished by Elisabeth Ferrill Bentley.

(2) It appears that Bill was operating the Silvermaster group when Frank sent Koral to contact Silvermaster in Washington, D. C. You will recall that Bentley stated that she met Bill until approximately September, 1944, when he informed her that he contemplated moving to Baltimore or Washington, and also advised her that he would personally take care of the Silvermaster group and that she would have no further connection with them. Bentley also advised that she had not seen Bill since their meeting in September, 1944, and the only further knowledge she had of him came from a chance contact with Nathan Gregory Silvermaster in the Pennsylvania Station in New York City in August of 1945, at which time she inquired if he had seen Bill lately. Silvermaster stated that he had not seen Bill for a couple of weeks, but that he was still around.

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You will recall that Alexander Koral advised that he contacted Silvermaster twice in Washington, D. C., pursuant to instructions he had received from Frank. One contact, according to Koral, occurred in October, 1945. The second contact, as confirmed by Bureau surveillance of Koral, occurred on

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(3) You will recall that Alexander Koral has advised that Frank told him he was in the woolen business. (1114.)

Bentley has advised us that Bill was in the garment trade and offered to buy her a fur coat, saying he could get it wholesale. In this connection, your attention is directed to the fact that Helen Koral owned a leopard skin coat during which time Alexander Koral has stated he was so financially hard pressed. Although it is remote, the possibility does exist that Helen Koral obtained her fur coat through Frank.

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(4) You will also recall that the Korals stated that Frank may have been from Chicago. In this connection, your attention is directed to the fact that Catherine, according to Bentley, made the statement to Bill that he could not go back to Chicago. Bentley advised that she attached considerable significance to this inasmuch as it appeared as though Bill and Catherine were afraid to go to Chicago.

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The attention of the Washington Field Office is directed to its letter dated November 10, 1950, in the case entitled "Samuel Simon Krafman, was, Security Matter - C." The Washington Field Office should submit a report from the facts in its letter dealing with Unknown Subjects Bill and Catherine. This report, of course, should be submitted in this file.

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "CHARLIE"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Surveillance photos of DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY obtained and displayed to ELIZABETH BENTLEY, who failed to identify him as the unknown subject, "CHARLIE". Information obtained that one DR. EDWARD KALLMAN, Dentist, 130 W. 57th Street, NYC, was known to JACOB GOLOS. DR. ISAAC STAMLER also said to be alleged contact of JACOB GOLOS.

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**DETAILS:**

**DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY**

On October 28, 1950 four surveillance-type photographs of DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, were obtained by the writer. These photographs were obtained in the vicinity of SAPOLSKY'S residence. The photographs were subsequently displayed to ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, however, she failed to identify SAPOLSKY as being identical with the unknown subject, "CHARLIE".

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DR. EDWARD KALLMAN

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, made available copies of numerous documents which, according to the Informant, were the property of JACOB GOLOS, former manager of World Tours Incorporated.

Among these documents was a telephone index belonging to GOLOS. Many of the names listed therein were of well known Communist Party functionaries. Included in the list was that of the following:

DR. KALLMAN,  
130 West 57th Street,  
Apartment 6C  
Phone: CI 7-3022

The current New York Telephone Directory lists EDWARD KALLMAN, Dentist, 130 West 57th Street, New York City, telephone CI 7-3021.

On January 15, 1942, DR. EDWARD KALLMAN, Dentist, Apartment 6C, Telephone No. CI 7-3022, made a complaint concerning suspected Nazi activities at the Hotel Salisbury. KALLMAN was further interviewed regarding this matter by an agent of the New York Office on February 12, 1942. Also interviewed at that time was Miss DORIS GREEN, Dr. KALLMAN'S Secretary.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, made available a list of names maintained at the Jefferson School of Social Science. The Informant advised that certain persons on this list were believed to have made contributions to the school. Among the names so listed was that of DR. ED KALLMAN, 130 West 57th Street, New York City, who made a contribution of an unknown amount in June, 1944.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised on April 21, 1943 that a DR. KALLMAN, whose address the Informant gave as 105 West 57th Street, was recommended to the Informant as a Party member by one SALLY KAHN. At that time KAHN advised the Informant that KALLMAN'S services were utilized by a great many of the Party members.

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Comments made by the agent who received this information from the Informant indicated that the DR. KALLMAN referred to was DR. EDWARD KALLMAN, whose correct address was 130 West 57th Street, New York City.

DR. ISAAC STAMLER

Confidential Informant T-4, of unknown reliability, advised agents of the San Francisco Office in May, 1949, that she had been directed in 1941 to go to the Round the World Trading Corporation and ask for JACOB GOLOS in order that she might obtain a position.

The Informant advised that she had been interviewed by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, who had in turn introduced her to JACOB GOLOS. Following this introduction the Informant was given a position. She claimed that she did not like the looks of the concern operated by GOLOS and had not returned to work there.

When the Informant furnished the information regarding this incident she was of the belief that she had been sent to the Round the World Trading Corporation by one Mrs. ANNA KAPLAN whom she had previously known; however, in a subsequent interview on March 24, 1950, the Informant advised that she now recalled she had been directed to GOLOS by a DR. LIPSTEIN, a female dentist who operated a dental clinic located in a co-operative apartment house at 2700 Bronx Park East, New York City. This clinic was operated together with one DR. STAMLER.

The Informant advised that she had first met both DR. LIPSTEIN and DR. STAMLER in about 1930 or 1931 when she, the Informant, was a resident in the vicinity of this dental clinic and had called at the office to obtain routine dental care. She advised that she returned to the clinic on various occasions until approximately 1942.

Through conversation with the aforementioned doctor she realized that both DR. LIPSTEIN and DR. STAMLER were passionately pro-Soviet in their attitude and that both were either Communist Party members or Communist sympathizers.

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The Informant recalled that on one occasion DR. STAMLER tried to persuade her to join the Communist Party, but she refused.

The Informant further advised that DR. STAMLER's wife died in 1942 and that he had a daughter by the name of NINA.

The Informant stated that visiting the clinic in February, 1942 and that during a conversation with DR. LIPSTEIN the informant mentioned that she was obtaining relief and that she needed a job. DR. LIPSTEIN asked if she could operate a Russian language typewriter and when she answered in the affirmative LIPSTEIN told the Informant to contact GOLOS in an effort to secure employment.

The Informant described DR. STAMLER as follows:

Race:	White
Age:	63 in 1950
Height:	5' 3"
Weight:	130 lbs.
Hair:	Grey and bushy
Occupation:	Dentist

It is noted that the Bronx Telephone Directory lists a DR. I. STAMLER, Dentist, at 2808 Bronx Park East, with residence at 391 East Moshulu Parkway, North, Bronx, New York.

It is noted that this individual is the only person having the surname of STAMLER listed as a Dentist in the Bronx.

In view of the information furnished by T-4 it is believed this is the DR. STAMLER referred to by the Informant.

It is further noted that one ISAAC STAMLER, Dentist, was a witness for JACOB MINDEL, previously considered as a possible suspect for unknown subject, "CHARLIE", at the time MINDEL was admitted to citizenship on June 11, 1940.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will check the records of the Passport Division of the State Department to ascertain whether or not passports have been issued to DR. ISAAC STANLER, mentioned herein, and to DR. EDWARD KALLMAN.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

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Copies of this report are being furnished to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices for information purposes in accordance with previous instructions relating to unsolved situations.

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INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, at New York, dated October 4, 1951, is described as follows:

T-1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will check the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, for further information pertinent to Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN.

Will endeavor to obtain a photograph of SOBELMAN for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Will make appropriate discreet investigation at 1340 Broadway, New York City, for further information regarding SOBELMAN.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NYT-117 in connection with efforts to identify Unsubs BILL and CATHERINE be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, at New York, 6/27/51.

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A copy of this report is being forwarded to the Los Angeles office, the San Francisco office and the Washington Field office for information in accordance with Bureau instructions regarding unsolved situation cases.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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- T-2 - [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)  
The Informant requested that her name be kept confidential.
- T-3 - Former Confidential Informant [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)
- T-4 - Mrs. ELIZABETH TESLUK, 3221 Irving Street, San Francisco, California, who when she applied for employment at the Around the World Trading Corp. used her maiden name, ELSA WALKIN.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, 10/3/50.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **65-14778**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>DEC 7 1950</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/28, 31; 11/30/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. CALLAHAN</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "CHARLIE"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Surveillance photos of DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY obtained and displayed to ELIZABETH BENTLEY, who failed to identify him as the unknown subject, "CHARLIE". Information obtained that one DR. EDWARD KALLMAN, Dentist, 130 W. 57th Street, NYC, was known to JACOB GOLOS. DR. ISAAC STAMLER also said to be contact of JACOB GOLOS.

**DETAILS:**

**DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY**

On October 28, 1950 four surveillance-type photographs of DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, were obtained by the writer. These photographs were obtained in the vicinity of SAPOLSKY'S residence. The photographs were subsequently displayed to ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, however, she failed to identify SAPOLSKY as being identical with the unknown subject, "CHARLIE".

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DR. EDWARD KALLMAN

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, made available copies of numerous documents which, according to the informant, were the property of JACOB GOLOS, former manager of World Tours Incorporated.

Among these documents was a telephone index belonging to GOLOS. Many of the names listed therein were of well known Communist Party functionaries. Included in the list was that of the following:

DR. KALLMAN,  
130 West 57th Street,  
Apartment 6C  
Phone: CI 7-3022

The current New York Telephone Directory lists EDWARD KALLMAN, Dentist, 130 West 57th Street, New York City, telephone CI 7-3021.

On January 15, 1942, DR. EDWARD KALLMAN, Dentist, Apartment 6C, Telephone No. CI 7-3022, made a complaint concerning suspected Nazi activities at the Hotel Salisbury. KALLMAN was further interviewed regarding this matter by an agent of the New York Office on February 12, 1942. Also interviewed at that time was Miss DORIS GREEN, Dr. KALLMAN'S Secretary.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, made available a list of names maintained at the Jefferson School of Social Science. The Informant advised that certain persons on this list were believed to have made contributions to the school. Among the names so listed was that of DR. ED KALLMAN, 130 West 57th Street, New York City, who made a contribution of an unknown amount in June, 1944.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised on April 21, 1943 that a DR. KALLMAN, whose address the Informant gave as 105 West 57th Street, was recommended to the Informant as a Party member by one SALLY KAHN. At that time KAHN advised the Informant that KALLMAN'S services were utilized by a great many of the Party members.

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Comments made by the agent who received this information from the Informant indicated that the DR. KALLMAN referred to was DR. EDWARD KALLMAN, whose correct address was 130 West 57th Street, New York City.

DR. ISAAC STAMLER

Confidential Informant T-4, of unknown reliability, advised agents of the San Francisco Office in May, 1949 that she had been directed in 1941 to go to the Round the World Trading Corporation and ask for JACKOB GOLOS in order that she might obtain a position.

The Informant advised that she had been interviewed by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, who had in turn introduced her to JACOB GOLOS. Following this introduction the Informant was given a position. She claimed that she did not like the looks of the concern operated by GOLOS and had not returned to work there.

When the Informant furnished the information regarding this incident she was of the belief that she had been sent to the Round the World Trading Corporation by one Mrs. ANNA KAPLAN whom she had previously known; however, in a subsequent interview on March 24, 1950, the Informant advised that she now recalled she had been directed to GOLOS by a DR. LIPSTEIN, a female dentist who operated a dental clinic located in a cooperative apartment house at 2700 Bronx Park East, New York City. This clinic was operated together with one DR. STAMLER.

The Informant advised that she had first met both DR. LIPSTEIN and DR. STAMLER in about 1930 or 1931 when she, the Informant, was a resident in the vicinity of this dental clinic and had called at the office to obtain routine dental care. She advised that she returned to the clinic on various occasions until approximately 1942.

Through conversation with the aforementioned doctor she realized that both DR. LIPSTEIN and DR. STAMLER were passionately pro-Soviet in their attitude and that both were either Communist Party members or Communist sympathizers.

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The Informant recalled that on one occasion DR. STANLER tried to persuade her to join the Communist Party, but she refused.

The Informant further advised that DR. STANLER's wife died in 1942 and that he had a daughter by the name of NINA.

The Informant stated that visiting the clinic in February, 1942 and that during a conversation with DR. LIPSTEIN the Informant mentioned that she was obtaining relief and that she needed a job. DR. LIPSTEIN asked if she could operate a Russian language typewriter and when she answered in the affirmative LIPSTEIN told the informant to contact GOLOS in an effort to secure employment.

The Informant described DR. STANLER as follows:

Race:	White
Age:	6 in 1950
Height:	5' 3"
Weight:	130 lbs.
Hair:	Grey and bushy
Occupation:	Dentist

It is noted that the Bronx Telephone Directory lists a DR. I. STANLER, Dentist, at 2808 Bronx Park East, with residence at 391 East Mosholu Parkway, North, Bronx, New York.

It is noted that this individual is the only person having the surname of STANLER listed as a Dentist in the Bronx.

In view of the information furnished by T-4 it is believed this is the DR. STANLER referred to by the Informant.

It is further noted that one ISAAC STANLER, Dentist, was a witness for JACOB MINDEL, previously considered as a possible suspect for unknown subject, "CHARLIE", at the time MINDEL was admitted to citizenship on June 11, 1950.

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**LEADS**

**WASHINGTON FIELD**

**At Washington, D. C.**

Will check the records of the Passport Division of the State Department to ascertain whether or not passports have been issued to DR. ISAAC STAMLER, mentioned herein, and to DR. EDWARD KALLMAN.

**NEW YORK**

**At New York, New York**

• Will conduct further neighborhood investigation at 171 West 79th Street, in an effort to obtain further descriptive data regarding DR. HOLZMAN, and attempt to obtain a photograph of this individual for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Will conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of 2808 Bronx Park East, Bronx, and at 391 East Mosholu Parkway, North, Bronx, in an effort to obtain further information regarding DR. ISAAC STAMLER.

Will check the records at the office of Selective Service for such information as may be contained therein regarding DR. ISAAC STAMLER.

Will conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of 130 West 57th Street for further information regarding DR. EDWARD KALLMAN.

Will endeavor to obtain photographs of this individual for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

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T-2 - [REDACTED]

The informant requested that her name be kept confidential. (b)(7)(D)

T-3 - Former Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

T-4 - Mrs. ELIZABETH YESLUCK, 3221 Irving Street, San Francisco, California, who when she applied for employment at the Around the World Trading Corp. used her maiden name, ELSA MALKIN.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of SA LESTER G. GALLAHER, 10/3/50.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: DEC 7 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa; "CHARLIE"  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(Bufile 65-57904)

Reference is made to the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER dated DEC 7 1950 at New York, of which two copies are enclosed, wherein there is set out information that ELIZABETH BENTLEY failed to identify DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY as being identical with the unknown subject, "CHARLIE".

It is further pointed out that in the report of LESTER O. GALLAHER, dated 4/24/50, information is set out indicating that SAPOLSKY is or has been a member of the Communist Party. In view of the fact that SAPOLSKY was probably an acquaintance of JACOB GOLOS, Bureau permission is requested to interview SAPOLSKY for such information as he might have regarding other dentists who may have been associated with GOLOS, in an effort to develop information leading to the possible identification of the unknown subject, "CHARLIE".

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SAC, New York

December 26, 1950

Director, FBI

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The Bureau feels that Dr. Louis Sapolsky should not be interviewed inasmuch as he has not been eliminated as a suspect for unknown subject Charlie. You should resubmit your request when this has been accomplished.

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UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
wa, CHARLIE  
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(Bufile 65-57904)

DATE: December 21, 1950

Re report of Special Agent LESTER O. GALLAHER dated December 7, 1950, at New York City on the above subject.

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, contain no information regarding Dr. EDWARD KALLMAN or Dr. ISAAC STAMLER.

Passports were issued in 1935 and 1949 to one EDWARD ADOLF KERBS, 21 Lewis Drive, Maplewood, New Jersey, who was born November 20, 1919, New York City. KERBS listed his parents as WILLIAM K. KALLMAN, 24 Central Park South, New York City, born June 27, 1884, at Coblentz, Germany, and JEANNE E. KERBS, 480 Park Avenue, New York City, born October 24, 1895, at New York City.

Should these individuals be identified as relatives of DR. KALLMAN, Washington Field Division can furnish more information concerning each of them. RUC

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March 31, 1951

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa.  
Charlie  
(Gregory Case)  
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The Bureau desires to caution you against the elimination of any suspect for unknown subject, Charlie, solely because Bentley fails to identify the suspect as Charlie.

You will recall that Bentley, to her knowledge, has never seen Charlie. Therefore, if she fails to identify a suspect, but there are other facts indicating the suspect may be Charlie, your investigation should continue to a logical conclusion.

The Bureau feels that when associates of Jacob Golos, Joseph Katz or other espionage superiors of Bentley have been eliminated as suspects for Charlie, consideration should be given to interviewing them in an attempt to obtain any information which may possibly assist in identifying the subject of this case. Bureau authority must be secured, where necessary, prior to conducting such interviews.

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Bentley's signed statement dated 11/30/45 reflects that after the arrest of Ovakimian (May, 1941) Jacob Golos obtained another contact, CHARLIE, to whom he delivered his material.

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In 8/41, when the Silvermaster group entered into the activities of Golos and Bentley through an arrangement with Earl Browder, Golos, because of ill health, arranged for Bentley to turn information over to JOHN, who Bentley believed was probably a new arrival in the United States and probably connected with the Soviet Consulate in New York City. She said that as a recognition signal on her first meeting with JOHN she was to say "CHARLIE sent me." She met JOHN about ten times until late 1941 or early 1942. (U)

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Sometime in 1942, according to Bentley, Golos began to give her verbal instructions for the guidance of Silvermaster's group and that still later, probably in the latter part of 1942, Golos began to give her typewritten instructions in Russian furnished him by CHARLIE, to be taken by her to Silvermaster. (U)

During a more recent interview reflected in the report of Special Agent Lester O. Callahan, New York, 4/24/50, captioned "Unknown Subject, wa. CHARLIE; Espionage - R," Bentley stated that it was her belief that these instructions had been prepared by the Russians who gave them to CHARLIE for further transmission to Golos. She specifically said that it was not her belief that CHARLIE himself prepared these instructions. (U)

Sometime in October, 1943, on Golos' instructions, Bentley again met MARGARET (Olga Pravdina), who introduced her to CATHERINE, whom she believed to be a native-born American, to whom she delivered material on one or two occasions. (U)

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In October, 1944, as the result of arrangements by BILL, Bentley met Joseph Katz, whom she knew as JACK, and she said that in the latter part of 1944 Katz told her that the present policy of the Russians was to split the largest groups obtaining information into smaller ones. In December, 1944, he told Bentley to tell her people in Washington, D. C. that she would no longer handle their material. After Christmas, 1944, and during the first few months of 1945, meetings between Bentley and Katz were devoted principally to discussions concerning the progress of Bentley's former contacts in Washington. Katz was thoroughly cognizant of the activities of the Silvermaster group then being handled by BILL, and in view of Bentley's statement that Katz divided his time equally between New York and Washington it appears that BILL may have been working with Katz. (u)

Sometime during her association with Katz (October, 1944, to May, 1945) he told Bentley that CHARLIE was described as about 55 years of age, five feet, five inches tall, 160 pounds, stocky build, dark hair, dark eyes, swarthy complexion, dentist by occupation, Russian-Jewish nationality, permanent resident of the United States for many years and resident of New York. Katz also told Bentley that CHARLIE had had a gall bladder operation. You will note the similarity between the topic of conversation between Katz and Bentley and the Bureau Source 5 information concerning ALBERT as of that time. (u)

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During the interview reflected in the report of Special Agent Gollaher, Bentley expressed the belief that Golos continued association with CHARLIE until approximately eight months prior to Golos' death, or until about April, 1943. At the same time she stated that the association between CHARLIE and Golos was frequently interrupted due to CHARLIE's illness and that in the latter part of 1942 or early 1943 CHARLIE had had an operation. It appears possible that this operation may be the reason for the termination of Golos' contact with CHARLIE in about April, 1943. In view of the frequent interruptions of this relationship it is believed possible that CHARLIE may have resumed his activities later and that Bentley may not have known about this resumption, particularly if it occurred after Golos' death. It will be remembered that Bentley never met CHARLIE and had relatively little information (u) about his activities, even during Golos' lifetime.

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It is suggested that New York reinterview Elizabeth Bentley in an effort to determine whether she can recall the circumstances surrounding her conversation with Joseph Katz which occasioned the mention and description of CHARLIE in 1944-1945, bearing in mind that this may have occurred in connection with Katz' explanation of the method of handling the Silvermaster material. (U)

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It is noted that investigation in the Unknown Subject CHARLIE case developed preliminary background and descriptive data concerning Dr. Louis Sapolsky, whose calling card was in the possession of Golos sometime prior to (U)

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1947, which compares favorably with the information concerning CHARLIE. It appears that Sapolsky was eliminated as a suspect because Bentley failed to identify a photograph of him. Inasmuch as it is not at all certain that Bentley ever saw CHARLIE, it is not desired that suspects be eliminated solely on Bentley's failure to identify photographs. It is requested that further inquiry be made concerning Sapolsky, bearing in mind the information concerning CHARLIE's operation, his son in Russia, and his probable contact with Olga Pravdina of Amtorg, Unknown Subject JOHN mentioned by Bentley, and Joseph Katz. (U)

It is also noted that Dr. Abraham Weinstein, contact of Joseph Gregg, Peter Rhodes, and Rae Elson, has been eliminated as a suspect for CHARLIE. In this regard it was pointed out that he was troubled with ulcers, in July, 1942, according to information he supplied in connection with registration under Selective Service, but that he made no mention of a gall bladder condition or operation. Bentley advised that the operation of CHARLIE occurred in late 1942 or early 1943 and it is not clear when Weinstein supplied the information concerning his health to Selective Service authorities. If it were supplied in July, 1942, it would, of course, afford no basis for eliminating him as a suspect. A review of information available on Weinstein also reflects that he was in partnership in dentistry with a brother, Morris Weinstein, and that two assistant dentists were also employed. It does not appear that background information concerning Morris Weinstein or the identities of the dentists employed has been developed. In view of the visits to the Weinstein offices by individuals involved in the Silvermaster group New York should make further inquiry concerning the Weinsteins. (U)

The Bureau is certain that the New York and Washington Field Offices realize the extreme importance of this case and therefore expects that it and the above requests will be given prompt and thorough attention. (U)

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IN EVENT YOU FEEL ROWE COOPERATIVE SUGGEST FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THAT EFFORT BE MADE TO IDENTIFY UNSUBS CHARLEY, BILL AND CATHERINE IN GREGORY CASE THROUGH DR. ROWE BY DISCUSSING WITH HIM KNOWN DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE UNSUBS. BENTLEY'S IDENTITY AS SOURCE THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROTECTED, AND RESULTS YOUR INTERVIEW SHOULD BE REPORTED IN RESPECTIVE UNSUB FILE. RAPIDITE INFORMATION REQUESTED RULET MARCH TWELVE RELATIVE CITIZENSHIP, PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, AND BUSINESS CONNECTION OF SALLY EDWILAN, FORMER ALDRG EMPLOYEE AND SECRETARY TO LUKIANOV. SUGGEST IF THIS INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE UNFILES, SUCH MAY BE OBTAINED DURING INTERVIEW DR. ROWE.

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UNSUB WA. BILL, UNSUB WA. CATHERINE, ESP. R. GREGORY CASE, SIX FIVE - FIVE SEVEN NINE ZERO FIVE, CC SIX FIVE - FIVE NINE ONE FOUR FIVE, WFO FILE SIX FIVE - FOUR NINE SIX EIGHT, CC SIX FIVE - FIVE FOUR FOUR TWO. DR. J. M. ROWE, FORMER MEDICAL CONSULTANT AND REPRESENTATIVE SGPC, WHO HAD OFFICES AT AMTORG, TWO ONE ZERO MADISON AVENUE, NYC, FROM ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY TO FORTY SIX, WAS INTERVIEWED AT NYO APRIL TWENTY SIXTH, LAST. WIFE, ELIZABETH ROWE, WHO WAS EMPLOYED AT SAME OFFICE DURING APPROX SAME PERIOD UNDER NAME OF ELIZABETH BERDY, ALSO PRESENT. ROWE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH AND TREATED EMPLOYEES OF USSR CONSULATE, TASS, SGPC AND AMTORG BOTH IN PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY. FULL DESCRIPTIONS OF UNSUB BILL, CATHERINE AND CHARLIE WERE DISCUSSED WITH ROWE AND WIFE. THEY STATED THEY COULD NOT RECALL ANYONE AT OR CONNECTED WITH ANY OF ABOVE AGENCIES WHO MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB CATHERINE. ON BASIS OF PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, THEY SUGGESTED NAMES OF MALEEV, OF TRANSPORT DIVISION OF SGPC, BELIEVED TO BE ALEKSANDER ALEKSEEVICH MALEEV, AND PETER A. GOLIKOV, CHIEF OF TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, SGPC, AS POSSIBILITIES FOR BILL. FROM REVIEW OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IT IS BELIEVED DOUBTFUL THEY ARE IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB BILL. HOWEVER PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE DISPLAYED TO BENTLEY AT EARLY DATE. WITH REGARD TO UNSUB CHARLIE, ROWE ADVISED DR. SOBELMAN, ALREADY CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN UNSUB CHARLIE CASE, DID MOST OF DENTAL WORK FOR AMTORG, ALSO

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SAC, New York

May 4, 1951

Director, FBI

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CHARWIE

Reply from New York

6-1-51 Report will be submitted by 6-9-51

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Re NYO letter 2-23-51 instant case wherein information from State Department files on Joseph Hiss, Elias Shapiro, Sonia Dobb and Isayah Litvackoff set forth. Bufiles have been reviewed on Violet Shapiro mentioned in reflet as daughter of Elias Shapiro, on Helen Stawsky mentioned as an identifying witness on a passport application of Elias Shapiro, and on S. W. Dobb who signed a letter of World Tourists, Inc., dated 8-14-38, to Elias Shapiro. The files were negative as to Helen Stawsky. The only information located and believed to pertain to Violet Shapiro is set forth hereinafter.

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 79th Congress, entitled "Appendix-Part IX - Communist Front Organizations - With Special Reference to the National Citizens Political Action Committee," refers to the New York Professional Workers Conference on Social Insurance. According to the report the above Conference was held on 12-20-34 in NYO and among the speakers was Harry Lurie. The report discusses the Communist background of Lurie and mentions that he was a speaker for the Joint Committee of Trade Unions in Social Work. The report also lists a number of individuals who were "affiliated with the Joint Committee of Trade Unions in Social Work." One of the individuals listed was Violet Shapiro, not further identified.

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The same report also lists a "Supplemental Group of Communist Fronts." The report states "The exhibits which are included in this section of the report are all Communist fronts." Twelve exhibits are listed with Exhibit #11 being identified as "Social Work Today Cooperators, 1940 (Social Work Today, Jan. 1941, pp 16-18)." The list of cooperators was broken down geographically and included under a heading of "New York City" was "Violet Shapiro, #5."

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cc: Philadelphia (65-4380)

cc: Washington Field (65-4377)

cc: New York (100-64971)

cc: 100-336527

cc: 100-57904

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NYA:bjc

An anonymous communication was received by the Bureau postmarked 8-2-40 at Brooklyn, N.Y. therein the writer alleges that the Social Service Employees Union and the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, are both CIO and "100% Communist controlled." The writer also sets forth, among other things, "Copy of list to Dies Committee and N.Y. Police Red Squad to follow---." This includes a long list of names and short comments concerning some of the individuals listed. One of the names on the list is Violet Shapiro. The letter is partially illegible at this point but it is possible that the writer further identified Violet Shapiro as being connected with the "National Refugee Service."

(b)(7)(D)

By letter of 8-4-47 mentioned "Brichl's Farm, Communist Party Secret School; Internal Security - C (NY file 100-90631) the NYO provided photographic copies of pages from the cash book of Fred Brichl for the period from 1-12 through 9-46. These pages contained the names of individuals who were guests at Brichl's Farm during the aforementioned period. Pages 21 and 89 of the book reflected the name of Violet Shapiro, not further identified. It might be pointed out that the investigation of Brichl's Farm was initiated in 1947 upon information received from NY [redacted]. This informant alleged that the farm was being operated as a secret CP training school.

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NY [redacted] reported on 1-9-47 that Florence Wallerstein, was., was a CP member. The same informant later reported, on 3-18-47, that Wallerstein had registered in a CP Club and at that time stated that she had been a CP member for 12 years, was a reader of the Daily and Sunday Worker, and contemplated becoming active in CP work on a greater scale. According to the report of SA James J. Smith, Jr., dated 10-4-49 at NYC and entitled "Florence Wallerstein, was.; Security Matter - C" (NY file 100-94185), Florence Shapiro married John Wallerstein on 9-1-40. Marriage records reflect that her parents were Lester H. Shapiro, born Russia, and Linnie Jacobs, born in the U. S. One of the witnesses to the marriage was Violet Shapiro, not further identified.

With reference to S. J. Dobb the following information was located:

According to the report of SA J. E. Valley, dated 3-16-40 at NYC and entitled "Philip Raymond, was, et al; Enlistment for Spain" (NY file 54-98) the records of the Hotel Broadway Central, 873 Broadway, NYC, were checked through M. M. Goldstein, Manager. According to Mr. Goldstein, through arrangements made by one Sam Bard, guests of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion were sent to his hotel beginning in 12-37 and continuing until 10-39. The bills for these guests were sent to World Tourists, Inc., 175 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C., until 12-38 when the Abraham Lincoln Battalion or the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion took over. Goldstein produced letters directed to the hotel by World Tourists, Inc., and these letters for the most part were signed by J. E. Golos, Manager. However, six of them bore the signature of S. J. Dobb. Goldstein also produced a number of cards of World Tourists, Inc., introducing guests to the hotel. It was noted that some of these cards bore the stamped signature of J. E. Golos while others were signed S. J. Dobb.

As Anna Josephine Dobrkin (NY file 100-64971) is known to have been employed at World Tourists and to have been known as S. J. Dobbs, it is believed that she is identical with the S. J. Dobb referred to above. The background of J. E. Golos and the World Tourists, Inc. are already well known to you.

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/5/51

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Wa. Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R  
Bufile 65-57904

*Reply from New York  
10-8-51 - Report dictated  
will be submitted as  
soon as transcribed  
A.S.B.*

In connection with the information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY to the effect that subsequent to the arrest of OVAKIMIAN, JACOB GOLOS began turning the espionage material which he collected over to an individual known to BENTLEY as "CHARLIE", on the possibility that "CHARLIE" might have been connected with the OVAKIMIAN group, it is suggested that the New York Office might give consideration to locating SIMON ROSENBERG and ARMAND LABIS-FELDMAN interviewed to determine if they might be of assistance in identifying "CHARLIE."

It has also been noted that according to BENTLEY, JOSEPH KATZ mentioned that "CHARLIE" was not "one of their people", which meant to BENTLEY that "CHARLIE" was not one of the Russian official family. Furthermore, BENTLEY stated that "CHARLIE" had been in the U.S. for years and years and was "a real old-timer." It is, therefore, suggested that interviews of New York informants formerly connected with the CP, such as LOUIS BUDENS, BEN GITLOW, and others, might be of assistance in ascertaining "CHARLIE's" identity.

Also, according to BENTLEY, "CHARLIE" had a son who had been crippled by having been run over by a streetcar between July 1941 and early 1943, and that one or both of the son's legs were amputated as a result of this accident. The New York Office might consider the feasibility of contacting the appropriate divisions of the streetcar companies in New York City, Brooklyn, or vicinity, for those two years, to ascertain the names of persons so injured.

It is further noted that BENTLEY stated that she had listened in on a telephone extension and had determined that GOLOS' superior subsequent to "CHARLIE" had a high, squeaky voice and a strong Russian accent.

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On September 26, 1951, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed by Special Agent LESTER O. GALLAGHER and FRANCIS W. ZANOLE. During the course of this interview further discussion was had with her regarding instant subject. She stated that her principals BILL and AL (ANATOLE GROMOV) as well as JACK (JOSEPH KATZ) had mentioned the fact that CHARLIE's son had been injured in an accident in Moscow. She also stated that during the discussion with JACK when JACK had described CHARLIE to her she had mentioned the incident when she saw GOLOS with a man in a restaurant. She stated that JACK had told her this man was probably CHARLIE. She further stated that she believed from remarks of GOLOS and JACK that CHARLIE was a few years older than GOLOS who was about 50 years of age at the time of his death in November, 1943.

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will check the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, for further information pertinent to Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN.

Will endeavor to obtain a photograph of SOBELMAN for display to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Will make appropriate discreet investigation at 1140 Broadway, New York City, for further information regarding SOBELMAN.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NY 117 in connection with efforts to identify Unsub BILL and CATHERINE be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLANER, at New York, 6/27/51.

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Further investigation of Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY fails to indicate any serious illnesses or operations occurring during pertinent period nor that he has any children. ABRAHAM MARKOFF suggested by informant as possible suspect for subject but research indicates MARKOFF died in 1939. BENTLEY furnished some additional details regarding subject.

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**DETAILS:**

**Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY**

The following additional investigation was conducted with regard to Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

STANLEY ROSENTHAL, 3169 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised, on September 5, 1951, he has been in business at this address for about 15 years and that SAPOLSKY was practicing dentistry at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, prior to that time. He advised he is not intimate with SAPOLSKY but knows him fairly well from seeing him in the neighborhood. He was unable to recall whether or not SAPOLSKY had ever suffered any serious illness or operations. So far as he knows, Dr. and Mrs. SAPOLSKY have no children. He volunteered information that SAPOLSKY was either a Communist or sympathetic to Communism. He stated he had observed SAPOLSKY purchasing the "Daily Worker" at the local newsstand on a number of occasions.

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IRVING LEFKOWITZ, 3165 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised on September 5, 1951, he has been in business at this address for about 15 years and has known Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY throughout this period. LEFKOWITZ advised he had purchased the building at 3163 Coney Island Avenue, from SAPOLSKY in 1941 and SAPOLSKY continued to occupy the premises both as a residence and office since that date.

He stated SAPOLSKY is rather well educated, having received his professional training in Poland. SAPOLSKY speaks English with virtually no accent. To the best of his knowledge, the SAPOLSKYS are childless. He advised he could recall no illness or operations suffered by SAPOLSKY in 1942 or 1943. LEFKOWITZ subsequently advised he had questioned his wife about this and had learned that she had no recollection of any such illness of SAPOLSKY.

HARRY SCHAFER, Doctor of Dental Surgery, 3171 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, advised on September 25, 1951, that he has been practicing dentistry at that address for about 24 years and that SAPOLSKY was already established in his dental practice prior to that time. He advised that he knows of no children of SAPOLSKY and his wife and that he does not recall that SAPOLSKY had any serious illnesses since he has known him.

In view of the above information, it is doubtful that SAPOLSKY is identical with the unknown subject "CHARLIE".

Dr. ABRAHAM MARKOFF

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who is widely familiar with Communist Party affairs, was contacted on September 18, 1951. The description data concerning the subject was discussed with the informant. He stated that ABE MARKOFF, now deceased, was a dentist until the late 1920's or early 1930's, when he gave up his practice to engage in party work full time. He was the political superior of JACOB GOLOS, a member of the Central Control Commission of the Communist Party and founder of the Workers School. He recalled that MARKOFF's physical description was similar to that of the subject. He was unable to recall the date of MARKOFF's death but thought it occurred in the early 1940's.

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An index card in the files of this office contains a summary apparently of information appearing in the "Daily Worker" and "New York Times." This information is as follows:

"Dr. ABRAHAM MARKOFF  
Communist

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is not being granted. The information indicates that Stanler has been pro-Communist, to say the least, for years and that there is no basis whatsoever for believing that he would be cooperative with the Bureau.

In the future when giving consideration to the desirability of interviewing individuals in connection with these cases it is requested that you consult your files for available information.

In addition to the foregoing, a review of this file reflects no information that Stanler was an associate of Golos, though of course, such a possibility exists. It appears that Mrs. Elizabeth Tesluk advised that in 1941, she was referred to Golos for employment in the Round the World Trading Corporation by Dr. Lipstein, a female dentist who operated a dental clinic with Dr. Stanler. Mrs. Tesluk said that both Lipstein and Stanler were passionately pro-Soviet and that both were either Communist Party members or sympathizers.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York  
SUBJECT: UNSUB, wa., Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: October 23, 1951

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Reference is made to Washington Field letter dated October 10, 1951, in the case entitled, "BORIS DYKOV, a.s.; ESPIONAGE - R," in which there is set out a theory that for some discrepancy in physical description, Dr. ABEN WOLFSON might be considered a good suspect for UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE in Gregory Case.

It is to be pointed out that the facts we have pertaining to the UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLIE are meager and we are quite dependent on the description furnished to us by ELIZABETH BENTLEY as a means of identifying him.

It will be recalled that WOLFSON'S association with HARRY DEXTER WHITE was discovered during the course of the early investigation of subjects in the Silvermaster Case at which time the Bureau Agents who supervised and worked that case were alerted to the fact that individuals connected with known subjects might present possibilities of being identical with the unknown subjects of the case. In view of the rather extensive investigative activity which centered around WHITE and WOLFSON, it is to be assumed that the latter was considered and rejected as a suspect by the unknown subject "Charlie." In addition it is to be pointed out that following the assignment of this case to the agent who is presently working it, a review was conducted of all of the early volumes of the Silvermaster file at which time WOLFSON'S association with WHITE was noted, consideration was given to the possibilities of his being identical with the subject and after such consideration he was rejected as a possibility.

It is felt that in conducting investigation in this case we must necessarily limit ourselves to the few known facts concerning CHARLIE after allowing a reasonably sufficient margin for possible errors made by BENTLEY and her principals in describing the subject. Obviously, we cannot investigate every dentist, however; if it is found that a dentist, who is a contact of individuals who are known to have been involved in the Silvermaster or Ovakimian Cases or whose associations are such as to cause us to believe he might have been so involved, then further consideration should be given to the dentist to determine if his description is similar.

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Undoubtedly every subject of the Silvermaster and Ovakimian Cases had at least one contact who was a dentist. In many instances these dentists may have been Communists and in a few instances, such as in the case of WOLFSON, they may have been engaged in espionage activities or may have been on the fringe of such activity. This does not necessarily make him identical with the subject of this case nor is it felt that extensive investigation should be entered into merely because of such association when it is found that none of the known facts concerning "Charlie" appear to fit the suspects. It is felt that such investigation can only result in an unnecessary expenditure of investigative time and that the investigation would be better confined to development of information on individuals who are genuinely logical suspects.

Director, FBI

October 23, 1951

SAC, New York

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ESPIONAGE - R

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-57904)

DATE: 12/20/51

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa, CHARLIE  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

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10/11/51.

Reference is made to my previous request to the Bureau for permission to interview DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY. This request was turned down by the Bureau because it was felt that S. POLSKY had not been completely eliminated as a possible suspect for the subject. This request is now being submitted since it is felt that the material concerning S. POLSKY contained in the referenced report of SA GALLAHER substantially eliminates him as a suspect for the subject. It is believed SAPOLSKY may have knowledge of JACOB GOLAS and his acquaintances.

As was pointed out in my letter of December 7, 1950 SAPOLSKY was indicated to have been a Communist Party member and may still be active in the Party. Neighborhood investigation, however, failed to indicate any unusual activity in this regard although he was generally believed, by persons interviewed, to be a Communist or Communist sympathizer.

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Rebulet, 10/1/51, wherein information supplied by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, reflecting the association of the subject, CHAMBERS, HARRY DEXTER WHITE and GEORGE SILVERMAN during 1936 and 1937, is set out including information to the effect that CHAMBERS had purchased three Oriental rugs in New York City, which he sent to Silverman at Washington, D.C. One of these rugs being given to WHITE by SILVERMAN and information from ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY furnished in a signed statement, dated 11/8/45, reflecting that NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER had advised her a few years before 1941 that WHITE was giving information to the Russians for a brother-in-law of SILVERMAN'S, who used to come down to Washington to pick up this information.

BENTLEY recalled, according to this statment, that SILVERMAN'S brother-in-law was a Russian who she believed was from Newark, New Jersey.

The statement further indicated that the Russians used to give HARRY WHITE presents, including a Persian rug, and that somehow the connection between SILVERMAN'S brother-in-law and WHITE was broken up and not taken up again until later.

Upon reinterview by SAS LESTER O. GALLAHER and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE, ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised that considerable difficulty arose in the preparation of her first signed statement, dated 11/8/45, and that a number of inaccuracies crept into this statement. She said that she considers her later statement as superseding.

Miss BENTLEY advised that the paragraph referred to is inaccurate and said that SILVERMASTER had furnished her with information concerning WHITE to the effect that several years prior to 1941 WHITE had given information to the Russians through his own brother-in-law, who was described to her by SILVERMASTER as a dentist residing in Newark. She stated that

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from what SILVERMASTER had told her WHITE'S brother-in-law used to go to Washington to pick up information from HARRY WHITE, and that then this brother-in-law would turn the information over to an unknown individual. She stated that she further learned that WHITE'S brother-in-law's principal turned "sour" and that WHITE then became inactive until he was later picked up by the SILVERMASTER group.

It was Miss BENTLEY's belief that the superior of WHITE'S brother-in-law may have been WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, although she has this belief only on information which she has obtained regarding CHAMBERS through newspaper publicity.

By letter dated 10/10/51, and captioned as above, the Washington Field Office suggested to the Bureau that the individual described by Miss BENTLEY in her statement of November, 1945, might be Dr. ABRAHAM WOLFSON, 55 Spruce Street, Newark, a dentist of many year's practice and former brother-in-law of HARRY DEXTER WHITE.

According to the letter, WOLFSON was married to RUTH TERRY, sister of ANNE TERRY WHITE, for some twenty-seven years before she instituted divorce proceedings in 1944. The letter indicated that the WOLFSONS had lived in East Orange, New Jersey for approximately twenty-one years.

According to the previously mentioned letter, WOLFSON is known to have been a member of the Communist Party since 1936, and to have been affiliated with many front organizations and an associate of Communist Party State officials in New Jersey.

According to CHAMBER'S testimony, HARRY DEXTER WHITE was involved in Soviet espionage as early as 1936 and 1937. The letter pointed out the possibility that the family association between WOLFSON and WHITE may have developed into an espionage relationship. The letter further indicated that with the exception of certain discrepancies in physical description, WOLFSON may be considered a logical suspect in the investigation of unknown subject CHARLIE of the Gregory case.

In view of the information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY upon reinterview, as well as the information furnished by

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letter from Washington Field, it is possible that information furnished by HARRY DEXTER WHITE may have come into Russian hands as follows: WHITE to WOLFSON to CHAMBERS, or WHITE to WOLFSON to BYKOV.

In view of information furnished by BENTLEY in her recent interview, New York will not conduct investigation in an effort to identify the brother-in-law of GEORGE SILVERMAN UACB.

It is requested that the Newark Office furnish Baltimore and New York with photographs of Dr. ABRAHAM WOLFSON in order that appropriate interviews may be conducted with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in this regard.

There is being enclosed for the Baltimore Office one copy of the report of SA MAURITZ E. GARLON, dated 2/14/46, at Newark, entitled, "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was," at all of which pages two to seventeen set out detailed information regarding WOLFSON'S activities.



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FILE NO. FEA

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; wa: "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE interviewed regarding subject and Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN. Both advised they believed SOBELMAN to be anti-Soviet in his sentiments and his position as dentist at Amtorg was purely for his own financial gain. Dr. ROWE suggested possibilities that someone connected with Midland Export Co. may have been identical with the unknown subject.

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**DETAILS:**

On December 12, 1951, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE, 38 Central Park South, New York City were interviewed at their residence by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER. Both Dr. and Mrs. ROWE were employed by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission during the period pertinent to this investigation. They had their office at 210 Madison Avenue, New York City, which was then the headquarters of Amtorg. Dr. ROWE was formerly the medical consultant and representative for the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and Mrs. ROWE was his secretary. In addition Dr. ROWE furnished medical care to many members of the Soviet Consulate and many other Russian Agencies in the United States.

Mrs. ROWE was questioned concerning Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN, who was retained by Amtorg to furnish dental care to various Soviet Nationals in New York City. Mrs. ROWE said

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In an effort to develop whether or not SOBELMAN might be a suspect for the subject "CHARLIE", Dr. ROWE was questioned concerning his knowledge of any illnesses suffered by SOBELMAN during the period pertinent to this investigation, particularly in the latter part of 1942 and the early part of 1943. Dr. ROWE said that he knew of no serious illnesses or operations sustained by SOBELMAN at this time. He explained that SOBELMAN made a point of taking fairly good care of himself and took rather frequent vacations.

In discussing the matter of identification of the unknown subject, Dr. ROWE suggested that the Midland Export Company may have had a dentist connected with it inasmuch as this firm dealt in some dental supplies and therefore would have needed a dentist in an advisory capacity.

With regard to the Midland Export Company, investigation concerning this firm has indicated that it was organized with the assistance of Amtorg and was apparently used as an espionage cover company.

SE ROBERT M. HALL checked the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for information concerning

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Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN but was unable to locate an identifiable record at that agency concerning him.

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York City:

Will upon the receipt of permission from the Bureau, interview Dr. LOUIS SAPOLSKY for such information as he may have concerning dentists associated with JACOB GOLOS and other dentists who might possibly be suspects for the subject in this case.

Will during the course of review of information furnished by NYT 117 in connection with efforts to identify unknown subjects BILL and CATHERINE, be alert for information which may pertain to the subject.

Will endeavor to develop the identity of various dentists who may have been connected with the Midland Export Company in an attempt to determine whether any of these individuals might be identical with the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, 10/4/51, New York.



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NEW YORK

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Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHAN, 10/4/51, New York



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REFERENCE

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAGHER, 10/4/51, New York



SAC, New York

January 20, 1952

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; wa, "Charlie"

(GREGORY CASE)

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DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY, wa

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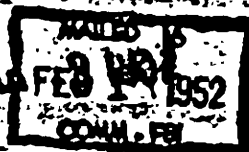
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Reurlet December 20, 1951, requesting authority to interview Dr. Louis Sapolsky. Reurlet dated January 8, 1952, requesting authority to interview Dr. Nathan Sobelman. Authority granted for both interviews which should be handled by two experienced agents.

In connection with Dr. Louis Sapolsky, a review of Bureau files reveals that he is the subject of a Security Matter - C investigation, New York origin, which was closed with the report of Special Agent Chester D. Connelly dated December 11, 1944, at New York. New York should report the results of its interview with Dr. Sapolsky in his individual case, as well as in the Unknown Subject; wa, "Charlie" case. New York should also include in its report on Sapolsky all information in its files which has been developed on him since the submission of Special Agent Connelly's report.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-57904)

DATE: JAN 5 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14778)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; wa: "Charlie"  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER dated 1/5/52 at New York in which it is set forth the results of an interview with Dr. and Mrs. J. M. ROWE. It will be noted that considerable portion of this interview concerned their knowledge of Dr. NATHAN SOBELMAN, who has been considered as a possible suspect in this case, inasmuch as Dr. ROWE was rather closely associated with SOBELMAN during the period of their mutual employment by the Russians, it is believed that his appraisal of SOBELMAN would be rather accurate.

It is therefore requested that the Bureau grant permission to this office to interview SOBELMAN in an effort to determine whether or not he has any information which may be of value to this office concerning Russians who were connected with the official USSR establishment and whether or not he may have any knowledge that might be helpful in establishing the identity of the subject of instant case.

With regard to SOBELMAN it is noted through a review of the indices of this office there is no derogatory information concerning him beyond the fact of his employment by Amtorg.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: January 24, 1952

FROM : W. A. Brantigan

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; wa. "Charlie"  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

DR. LOUIS SAPOLSKY  
SECURITY MATTER - C

## PURPOSE

To grant New York authority to interview Dr. Louis Sapolsky and Dr. Nathan Sobelman for any information they may possess which will assist in the identification of subject "Charlie."

## BACKGROUND

Elizabeth Bentley has advised that Jacob Golos turned over espionage material to Gink Ovakimian prior to Ovakimian's arrest in 1941. Subsequent to the arrest, Golos began turning over espionage material to an individual known to Bentley only as "Charlie." She places the approximate time of the beginning of this association between Golos and "Charlie" as "July 1941." She alleged that Golos then contacted "Charlie" until approximately eight months before Golos' death on Thanksgiving Day 1943. Investigation is being conducted to identify "Charlie." Bentley also advised that "Charlie" was a dentist.

## Re Louis Sapolsky

New York agents examined the personal effects of Jacob Golos on September 1, 2, 1948. Golos had in his effects a calling card bearing the following "Dr. Sapolsky, Surgeon-Dentist, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brighton Beach Station, Brooklyn, New York, Sheepshead 3595." Investigation has been conducted to determine whether Sapolsky might be identical with "Charlie." Sapolsky has now been eliminated as a suspect. As mentioned in the attached New York letter dated 12-20-51, Sapolsky is the subject of a Security Matter case which was closed in December, 1944. His Bureau file shows he was born in 1882 in Poland and naturalized December, 1926 in New York. An anonymous informant advised on March 5, 1944, that Dr. Sapolsky was a member of the Brighton Beach Club of the Communist Party. The informant further advised

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that Sapolsky's wife, Millicent, was literary director of the Brighton Beach Club of the Communist Party. Sapolsky has never been on the Security Index. The SI card on his wife was cancelled in 1945. Attached New York letter of 12-20-51 points out that Sapolsky may be still active in the Party; that neighborhood investigation reveals no unusual activity although he was generally believed by persons interviewed to be a Communist or a Communist sympathizer. Bureau files show that the names "Louis Sapolsky" and "Millicent Sapolsky" appear on the membership lists for Lodge No. 615 of the IWO, New York Division, which were furnished to the New York Office, on November 13, 1950, and January 17, 1951, by an informant. IWO cited by the Attorney General as subversive and Communist. (100-333709; 61-7341-34-722, 755)

**Re Dr. Nathan Sobelman**

Dr. Nathan Sobelman was developed as a suspect when it was determined that he was a dentist frequently contacted by members of the Amtorg Trading Corporation and the Soviet Consulate in New York City for professional treatment during the period pertinent to the "Charlie" investigation. He has been eliminated as a suspect. Dr. J. M. Rowe, former medical consultant and representative, at Amtorg, New York City, during the pertinent period of the "Charlie" investigation has been interviewed. He has appeared cooperative. He and his wife believed Dr. Sobelman to be anti-Soviet in his sentiments and stated that Sobelman held his position as dentist at Amtorg purely for financial gain. Attached New York letter of January 5, 1952, states that a review of the New York indices discloses no derogatory information concerning Sobelman other than his employment by Amtorg. Bureau files reveal no additional information on Sobelman.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Drs. Sapolsky and Sobelman be interviewed in an effort to determine whether or not they have any information that might be helpful in establishing the identity of "Charlie." If you agree, a letter to New York is attached authorizing the interviews.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Doctor **NATHAN SOBELMAN** interviewed. Advised he was employed to perform dental work at Amtorg from 1938 to 1947. Stated he is unable to recall anyone answering the description of subject at Amtorg or among dentists with whom he is acquainted in NYC.

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**DETAILS:**

Doctor **NATHAN SOBELMAN** was interviewed on March 4 and 17, 1952 at his office, 1440 Broadway, New York City, by SAS **WILLIAM D. WRIGHT III** and **LESTER O. GALLAHER**.

He advised concerning his own background that he was born in Russia on May 10, 1888 and was brought to this country by his parents when he was about six months old. He was graduated from the New York College of Dentistry in 1909 and has been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry in New York City since that time.

He stated that in 1938, Doctor **LOUIS SPECTOR**, now residing in Brooklyn, New York, was the doctor for Amtorg. SPECTOR was a friend of SOBELMAN and when Amtorg had a vacancy for the services of a dentist, he, SOBELMAN, was given the job on SPECTOR'S recommendation. He advised that he was employed by Amtorg from about September or October, 1938 until

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sometime in 1947. He generally went to Amtorg for about two or two and one-half hours daily and performed dental work for personnel of Amtorg, the Soviet Consulate, the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and Tass, all of whom were included in some type of medical plan provided by Amtorg. Most of this work was performed at the office of Amtorg, which had a fully equipped dental office. Occasionally, in emergency situations, various individuals from the Soviet agencies would come to SOBELMAN'S office for treatment; however, he stated that these occasions were rather rare.

Because of the rather large number of patients which he had to handle at Amtorg, SOBELMAN stated he is unable to recall very many of the individuals clearly. He explained that during the two and one-half hours daily that he worked at Amtorg he frequently treated as many as twelve to fifteen patients. He volunteered that one of the individuals with whom he was acquainted was OLGA PRAVDINA, who has been identified by ELIZABETH BENTLEY as having been one of her espionage principals. Doctor SOBELMAN characterized PRAVDINA as being a rather charming person who spoke very good English and who appeared to be much friendlier and easier to get along with than other Russian employees at Amtorg. He was questioned as to whether or not he had any indication from his association with PRAVDINA that she was engaged in espionage activities of any kind. He advised that he had no such knowledge.

Doctor SOBELMAN was questioned as to whether or not during his period of employment by Amtorg he had become acquainted with anyone answering the description of the Unknown Subject "Charlie" or whether or not in his experiences as a dentist in New York City he had known anybody who answered this description. After giving this matter due consideration, he advised that he cannot recall an individual of this description.

Doctor SOBELMAN was questioned further regarding his knowledge of various individuals employed at Amtorg and in each instance he appeared to be very cooperative and supplied such information as he was able to recall concerning the various individuals mentioned. Further results of this interview will be set out in other reports.

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Confidential Informant T-1, an admitted former Comintern and Soviet Military Intelligence agent from 1931 to 1939 who is believed to be reliable, on March 10, 1952 was furnished with a description and other details concerning the subject with negative results.

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Bureau letter to New York, 1/9/52.

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FROM : SAC, New York (65-14778)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "Charlie"  
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Reference is made to the following reports of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER made at New York: 12/7/50, 3/10/51 and 6/27/51, wherein there is set forth information concerning Doctor ISAAC STAMLER who appears to have been an associate of JACOB GOLOS.

Inasmuch as information developed as set forth in referenced report of 6/27/51 appears to eliminate STAMLER as a suspect for the subject in instant case, it is requested that Bureau permission be granted to interview STAMLER. Inasmuch as STAMLER'S office at 2808 Bronx Park East is located in a cooperative housing development which is rather heavily populated with Communist Party members and sympathizers, such an interview would be conducted at his residence rather than at his office.

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(Gregory Case)  
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Bureau 3-21-52, requesting authority to interview Dr. Isaac Stanler who, it is stated, appears to have been an associate of Jacob Golos.

A review of Bureau files has been made concerning Stanler and available information is being set out below. It is to be noted, however, that this information cannot be identified positively in each instance with the Dr. Stanler of interest.

A pamphlet of The Workers School announcing the courses of the winter term for 1934, namely from January 7 to March 30, 1935, sets forth that on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M., a course entitled Historical-Materialism I, would be conducted by I. Stanler in Room 304 at 15 East 12th Street, New York City. This course was described as having for its purpose the study of the correct understanding of Scientific Socialism in the light of its historical development. The course was said to embrace the study of the basic, economic, political, and philosophic doctrines of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin and their application to the analysis and interpretation of the Proletarian class struggle, of the contradictions of capitalism, of the class forces leading to the Proletarian Revolution, the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, and the classless society. This pamphlet was made available by Mr. E. S. Tapprich of the Civil Service Commission, according to the report of Special Agent Clyde D. Nicoll, Washington, D.C., dated January 14, 1949, entitled "Esther Kopelewich, nee Less, etc., Special Inquiry - State Department (VOA)." (100-3-71-807)

The publication "Laws" compiled by the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion reproduces a portion of the pamphlet announcing the 1937 winter term of courses for the Communist Workers School from which it appears that I. Stanler was to conduct a course in Historical Materialism on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

(100-206828-1)  
The report of Special Agent John G. Keenan dated 1-10-44, at New York City, entitled "New York Workers School, Internal Security - C," reflects that, according to the announcements of the school, I. Stanler conducted a course entitled Historical Materialism in 1938, and in 1940 conducted a course on The History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

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A document entitled "List of Registered Communists in and about New York - 1937," received at the Bureau in September, 1940, from an unknown outside source contained the name of Isaac Stanler, 651 East 181st Street, Bronx, New York, Assembly District No. 7. (61-7559-10595)

The report of Special Agent R. E. Hodgins, New York, dated April 8, 1941, entitled "Raphael Nathaniel Rush, was., et al., Registration Act, reflects on pages 39-42 that Dr. I. Stanler, 851 East 181st Street, who was described as a dentist was given as an employment reference in June, 1937, by Florence Mindell, 2133 Daly Avenue, Bronx, New York, who appears to be the daughter of Jacob Mindell. It also appears that Stanler was given as a reference by Phillip Liskin, husband of Florence Mindell, in his employment application dated December 12, 1938. The applications of Florence Mindell and Liskin concern their employment by the Morris Department Store to handle Russian exports, which employment was made on the recommendation of Harold Straus of Artorg Trading Corporation. (65-1674, Serial 457)

The report of Special Agent John J. Buckley (A), St. Louis, Missouri, 9-26-49, entitled "Hyman Halpern, was., Security Matter - C," reflects that Dr. I. Stanler, 2754 Bronx Park East, New York City, was one of several persons who submitted statements attesting to Halpern's character in connection with efforts to obtain clemency for Halpern who had received a sentence of general court martial for desertion from September 1, 1942, to January 3, 1946. (100-364703-1)

A photostatic copy of the IWO General Office membership list for Index No. 337 located in the Bronx made available by Confidential Source [redacted] on October 3, 1951, lists Isaac Stanler born in 1884, as a member. (61-7341-34-949)

The report of Special Agent Maurice F. Donagan, Jr., dated 12-13-51, at Washington, D.C., entitled "Nina Stanler, was., Security Matter - C," reflects that Isaac Stanler is the father of the subject of that investigation. It appears that Nina Stanler, reported to be a Communist Party member in 1944, was employed as the switchboard operator at the National Communist Party Headquarters, 35 East 12th Street, New York City, at least during the period from January to April, 1951, and that she is currently employed by the Communist Party Defense Attorney's Office, 150 Nassau Street, New York City. (100-383911-3)

In view of the foregoing information, together with that reported in this investigation, which includes information from the superintendent at Stanler's current address that he had observed Communist Party publications in the trash from Stanler's apartment where meetings had been held which he believed were Communist in nature, authority to interview Stanler, whose daughter is the subject of a current investigation

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SUBJECT ELIZABETH BENTLEY

FILE NO. 65-57904

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82	5/8/57	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
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SAC, Houston

April 24, 1952

Director, FBI (65-57904)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., Charlie  
(Gregory Case)  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to Houston letter dated May 29, 1950, entitled "Katharine Perlo, aka., Mrs. Victor Perlo; Information Concerning," Houston file 100-0-8277.

Reflet states that by letter dated 3-21-52 Mrs. Perlo advised that while in Washington several years ago she had met John Abt at a Communist Party underground meeting. She also stated that there was a Communist Party dentist at this meeting, whose name she could not recall.

For the information of Houston and Dallas, the captioned subject, a former espionage superior of Jacob Golos was a dentist, according to Elizabeth T. Bentley. Bentley advised that after the arrest of Golos' Russian superior, apparently referring to Gaik B. Ovakimian, Golos obtained another contact to whom he delivered his material. She stated that she later learned that this individual was known as Charlie; that he was a dentist, and that he had had a gall bladder operation. She further advised that at a later period she learned from her superior, Jack, who has been identified as Joseph Katz, that Charlie was described as follows: About 55 years old; 5'5" tall; 160 pounds; stockily built, having dark hair, dark eyes, a swarthy complexion, and being of Russian Jewish nationality. She related that after being given this description she recalled accidentally having seen Golos at one time with an individual who answered the description. She further stated that she had learned from Katz that Charlie was a permanent resident of the United States who had apparently been in this country for many years and who lived in the New York area.

Houston is requested to advise whether the contents of Mrs. Perlo's letter of 3-21-50 include any additional details concerning the Communist Party dentist who attended the underground meeting. In the event there is such additional information it is suggested that copies of Mrs. Perlo's letter be furnished.

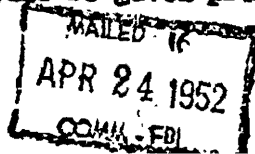
Upon receipt of Houston's reply to the foregoing, Dallas is requested to interview Mrs. Perlo for additional information concerning the dentist mentioned in her letter. This interview should not be conducted, however, unless permission is first given by the authorities of the State Hospital, Wichita Falls, Texas, and the physician who is treating Mrs. Perlo. This matter should be given prompt attention.

cc - Dallas

New York (65-14778)

Washington Field

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NOTE: Mrs. Perlo is a mental patient at the State Hospital, Wichita Falls, Texas. She was adjudged insane in the first part of 1946 and was institutionalized. She was released 10-21-48. In November, 1951, her sister Mrs. Louis B. Bonelli advised that Katherine Perlo was again confined at the State Mental Hospital, and that she and other members of the family were willing for agents to interview Katherine with the permission of the physician. At the request of USA Roy Cohn, SDNY, Mrs. Perlo was interviewed 12-17-51 concerning Irving Kaplan and George Silverman, after obtaining permission from the institution. At that time Mrs. Perlo appeared to be in normal mental condition and talked rationally about her experiences in Washington, D.C. In view of the importance of identifying this subject it is recommended that the interview of Perlo with the permission of the institution be authorized.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-57904)

DATE: June 5, 1952

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (100-8106)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., Charlie  
(Gregory Case)  
ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet to Houston dated 4/24/52.

Relet requested that Houston should advise whether the contents of Mrs. PERLO's letter of March 21, 1950, included any additional details concerning "the Communist Party dentist who attended underground meetings."

A review of this letter in the Houston Office reveals that in reality Mrs. PERLO stated while in Washington she had met JOHN ABT who attended Communist Party underground meetings, and further stated there was a Communist Party dentist at this meeting whose name she could not recall. A review of PERLO's letter dated March 21, 1950, set out the following:

"There is a Communist Party dentist in Washington whose name I do not recall. My husband, Victor Perlo, refused to give his patronage to Bourgeois dentists and sent to New York for a Communist reference. At that time the author of the Medical column in the Daily Worker was head of the Medical Division. Both my husband and I had our teeth fixed at a small, out-of-the-way dentist's whom Vic said was recommended. I don't know his name but they do exist in that profession."

It is to be noted PERLO's letter did not state that the Communist Party dentist attended underground meetings.

In accordance with instructions contained in relet, the Dallas Office is requested to interview Mrs. PERLO and furnish the information to the Bureau, New York and Washington Field.

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "Charlie" (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - 87284</b>

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**DETAILS:**

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REFERENCE: Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, 3/21/52, New York.

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In response to questions by the agents, **SAPOLSKY** stated he made arrangements to go abroad a number of years ago and had gone so far as to secure a passport planning to go to Poland. He further stated he had gone to World Tourists to

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**DETAILS:**

Dr. LOUIS RAPOLSKY was interviewed by SAs LESTER O. GALLAHAN and CHARLES D. SECRES at his residence, 3163 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York on March 22, 1952.

At the outset of the interview RAPOLSKY was told his cooperation was desired in a matter in which the Federal Bureau of Investigation was interested. He indicated his willingness to cooperate.

RAPOLSKY was asked if he had ever been acquainted with JACOB GOLOS. He denied he had ever known GOLOS. He was shown a photograph of GOLOS and RAPOLSKY said he did not recognize this individual.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 31, 1952

FROM : SAC, DALLAS

SUBJECT: UNSUBS, was. Charlie  
(Gregory Case)  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re: Bulet to Houston and Dallas, April 24, 1952, and Houston letter to Bureau, June 5, 1952.

Full investigation was conducted at Wichita Falls, by SA PAUL E. WULFF.

Dr. Ben G. YEAGER, Superintendent, Wichita Falls State Hospital, advised KATHERINE PERLO had been furloughed from the Hospital on May 10, 1952. She was furloughed to her mother MRS. LETTIE WILLS, 2133 South Jennings, Fort Worth, Texas.

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AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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cc New York (65-14778)  
Washington field

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SAC, New York

September 29, 1952

Director, FBI (65-57904)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa Charlie  
ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY - INFORMANT  
ESPIONAGE - R

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In connection with the investigation to identify the subject who has been described as a dentist by Elizabeth T. Bentley, it is desired that you give consideration to Dr. Nathan Berger, a dentist, now deceased, who owned and apparently resided in the apartment building at 306 East 15th Street, New York City, the residence of Bernard Schuster, according to the reports of Special Agent John J. Cole, New York, 10-31-45 and Special Agent Arnold E. Brandt, New York, 8-29-51, in the Schuster case, New York file 100-268.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-57904)  
 FROM : SAC, New York (65-15925)  
 SUBJECT: UNSUB, wa: Charlie;  
 ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, Informant  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 10/3/52

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 FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (65-3938)  
 SUBJECT: UNSUB: wa. "CHARLIE" (GREGORY CASE)  
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 New York O.O.

DATE: 10/3/52

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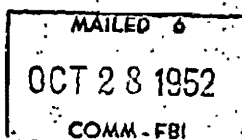
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SAC, New York

November 24, 1952

Director, FBI (65-57904)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
wa., Charlie  
(ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY - INFORMANT)  
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You will recall that during the latter half of the 1930's, the State Department conducted an investigation into the procurement of fraudulent passports utilized by various Communists and/or Soviet espionage agents. It has been noted that a summary prepared by the State Department concerning certain of these fraudulent passports contains information which may be of interest to this case.

Isidore Dreazen, 654 Beck Street, Bronx, New York, applied for a passport at New York City on 6-10-29 and was issued passport number 80023 on 6-12-29. The identifying witness was Morris Nemser, 277 East 172nd Street, New York City. Dreazen did not use his passport, which was found in the possession of one Charles Krumbein when the latter was arrested in England in 1930. Krumbein, after serving his sentence, left England for the Soviet Union.

On interview in 1930, Dreazen claimed that he had made his application in good faith. He said that the passport, which he had carried around in his pocket, disappeared about two weeks after he had received it. He claimed that Morris Nemser was a friend whom he had met at the Workmen's Union on East Broadway.

The summary pointed out that in 1930, Morris Nemser was known as a radical and was said to have been identified with a dentist named Gassen, who resided at 1527 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York.

A passport application was also made by Machla Lenczycki, care of Wolf, 242 East 19th Street, New York City, on August 9, 1932, and passport number 547327 was issued on August 10, 1932. The bearer of this passport was arrested in Brazil in December, 1935, at which time it was ascertained that her true name was Elsie Saborowski Ewert, wife of Arthur Ewert.

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In 1936, efforts to locate a person named Wolf who had resided at 242 East 19th Street, New York City, in August, 1932, disclosed that four tenants by that name had resided there in 1932. Only one, Arthur Wolf was residing there in 1936 and, in his absence, his brother-in-law, Dr. Harry Baron, a dentist residing at the same address, was interviewed. Dr. Baron stated that he could not identify the photograph of the passport applicant and that he had never heard of Machla Lencsycki.

The identifying witness in the application of Lencsycki was Louis L. Schwartz, 127 University Place, New York City. Also in 1936, Dr. Louis L. Schwartz was interviewed at his dental office, One Union Square West. He stated that he had identified the passport applicant as an accommodation to one of his patients named Wolf whose full name and address he could not furnish. He promised to check his records in this regard and later advised that he was not sure that the name of the patient was Wolf. A few days later, he refused to answer any questions on advice of his attorney, Abraham Targum, who contacted the State Department office in New York and wanted to know what the investigation was about.

Inasmuch as the unknown subject of this case was a dentist, you should review your files and conduct the necessary investigation to enable proper consideration of the dentists, Gassen, Harry Baron, and Louis L. Schwartz, as suspects for the unknown subject.

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SAC, New York (65-14778)

December 29, 1952

Director, FBI (65-57904)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., Charlie  
(Gregory Case)  
ESPIONAGE - R

In connection with this case, the subject of which was a dentist in New York City, you are requested to give consideration to Dr. Harry Cohn, husband of Rebecca Cohn, subject of a Security Matter - C investigation in your office, your file 100-64086.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
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ReNYTrep January 20, 1953.

On page 30 of referenced report Louis B. Rosen is listed as a suspect for the subject. It is stated that the Credit Bureau of Greater New York had no record on Louis B. Rosen. Referenced report fails to set forth further investigative leads in connection with Rosen.

You should advise the status of Rosen as a suspect in this matter and, if further investigation is necessary to eliminate or identify him as the subject in this case, appropriate leads should be set forth.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-57904)

DATE: 3/6/53

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14778)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, wa:  
Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Rerep SA EDWARD J. MOORE JR., 1/20/53, at New York,  
and Bulet to New York, 2/3/53.

Corrected copies of page 12 of rerep are herewith  
enclosed for the Bureau and Offices receiving copies of this  
letter.

Dr. LOUIS B. ROSEN has not been eliminated as a  
possible suspect for the subject, and New York leads in rerep  
have been changed to reflect this fact.

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SAC, New York (65-14778)

April 22, 1953

Director, FBI (65-57904)

AT  
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa.,  
Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

In connection with this case, the subject of which was a dentist in New York City, you are requested to give consideration to Dr. Saul Sultan, brother of Josef Schaltan, subject of an Internal Security - R investigation in your office, your file 100-7954.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, New York (65-14737)  
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: Charlie  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 4/20/53

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There is being forwarded herewith a photograph of Dr. ~~NATHAN GASSEN~~ <sup>NY</sup> MRS taken 6/28/35 to be displayed to ELIZABETH BENTLEY as a possible suspect for the unknown subject of instant case. GASSEN was born 12/21/80 at Charkoff, Russia and came to the United States in May 1904. He was naturalized 7/2/14. He married SADIE BECKLER 5/29/28.

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 He is described as follows:

Height	5'5"
Hair	Brown, graying
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Dentist.

For the information of the New Orleans Office the subject was a principal of JACOB GOLOS who in turn was the principal of ELIZABETH BENTLEY. He was believed by her to be a dentist who had apparently been in this country for many years. He had an operation for gall bladder or appendix. BENTLEY is not sure she ever saw the subject, however on one occasion she saw GOLOS in a restaurant with another man under circumstances which caused her to believe this man may have been CHARLIE. Shortly after this incident GOLOS indicated he had been in touch with CHARLIE.

Subsequently after she met her principal "JACK" (JOSEPH <sup>NY</sup> KATZ) she discussed her knowledge of CHARLIE with him. KATZ indicated he knew CHARLIE and described him as about 55 years of age (1942), height 5'5", weight 160 lbs., build stocky, hair dark, eyes dark, complexion swarthy.

It is requested that BENTLEY's reactions to instant photo be furnished in a report, a copy of which should be designated for Washington Field Office.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU (65-57901)

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New York letter to Bureau dated 4/20/53.

SAC, New York (65-14778)

August 4, 1953

Director, FBI (65-57904)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa  
Charlie  
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Your attention is directed to New York letter dated 6-30-53, captioned "Joseph Alfred Beaulieu, was, Security Matter - C," your file 100-93792. Referenced letter contained information about Dr. Barney Miller, a dentist who lived in the same building as V. J. Jerome in New York City.

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It is requested your office conduct the necessary investigation to eliminate or identify him as the unknown subject in this case.

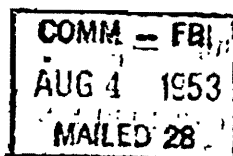
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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: Charlie (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Information obtained to date concerning Dr. HARRY COHEN insufficient to indicate whether or not he is identical with the subject. Consideration given to Dr. BARNEY MILLER as possible suspect for subject. Description not believed sufficiently comparable to warrant further consideration. Descriptive data obtained on Dr. SAUL SULTAN. It is not believed that this individual is identical with the subject.

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**DETAILS:** Dr. HARRY COHEN

Dr. HARRY COHEN has been suggested by the Bureau as a possible suspect for the unknown subject CHARLIE.

T-1, of known reliability, has furnished information that COHEN, who resided in Apartment 6-G, 250 West 24th Street, New York City and had offices at 255 West 23rd Street and 57 West 57th Street is an active participant in the affairs of the New York Civil Rights Congress.

The records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Manhattan, were checked by SE WILLIAM J. BARRON on July 17, 1953. These records reflect Dr. HARRY COHEN has given his naturalization at the time of various registrations since 1944 as May 6, 1920, May 1920 and May 1921. REBECCA COHEN, his wife, in registering has said she was naturalized on her husband's papers on various dates namely 1903, 1914, March 1928, May 6, 1920, May 10, 1920 or

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May 20, 1920. In each instance, the New York State Supreme Court, or the United States Court for the Southern District of New York, is indicated as the place of naturalization.

SA PHILIP G. JACKSON reviewed naturalization records of the New York Supreme Court under the names HARRY COHEN and REBECCA COHEN, for the years 1900 to 1940, but no record could be located.

SE ROBERT M. HALL conducted a similar check at Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, with negative results.

The records of the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D.C., were checked by the Washington Field Office and these records failed to disclose any record of the naturalization of HARRY COHEN on the various dates indicated by COHEN or his wife.

Similar confusion also exists in various records concerning the dates of COHEN'S birth, it being shown as August 15, 1886 in various professional records and as 1888 in the Board of Election records.

T-2, of unknown reliability, advised on August 27, 1953, that he believed Dr. HARRY COHEN was spending his vacation in Europe and that he was expected to return to his residence in about one month from the above date.

A request has been directed to the Washington Field Office to obtain further information from the Passport Division of the United States Department of State concerning COHEN and to obtain photographs.

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Dr. BARNEY MILLER

The Bureau has suggested Dr. BARNEY MILLER as a possible suspect for the subject.

During the course of several interviews conducted by Bureau Agents in June 1953, T-3, of unknown reliability, advised that Dr. ~~BARNEY MILLER~~ was an individual whom he believed to be a Communist Party sympathizer, but did not believe to be a Party member. He stated MILLER, a naturalized citizen of Canadian birth, had formerly lived in the same building on East 18th Street as V.J. JEROME, recently convicted under the Smith Act in the Southern District of New York.

According to the informant, MILLER was greatly influenced by JEROME. He said MILLER is a dentist who treats many Communist Party members.

T-3 described MILLER as being 55 years of age (1953), height 5'2", thin build, wears glasses and has white hair. MILLER is married and his wife SARAH is a kindergarten teacher and not a Communist Party member to the informant's knowledge.

~~Miller Mrs. Barney Miller~~  
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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: Charlie (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information obtained to date concerning Dr. HARRY COHEN insufficient to indicate whether or not he is identical with the subject. Consideration given to Dr. BARNEY MILLER as possible suspect for subject. Description not believed sufficiently comparable to warrant further consideration. Descriptive data obtained on Dr. SAUL SULTAN. It is not believed that this individual is identical with the subject.

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**DETAILS:**

Dr. HARRY COHEN

Dr. HARRY COHEN has been suggested by the Bureau as a possible suspect for the unknown subject CHARLIE.

T-1, of known reliability, has furnished information that COHEN, who resided in Apartment 6-G, 250 West 24th Street, New York City and had offices at 255 West 23rd Street and 57 West 57th Street is an active participant in the affairs of the New York Civil Rights Congress.

The records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Manhattan, were checked by SE WILLIAM J. BARRON on July 17, 1953. These records reflect Dr. HARRY COHEN has given his naturalization at the time of various registrations since 1944 as May 6, 1920, May 1920 and May 1921. REBECCA COHEN, his wife, in registering has said she was naturalized on her husband's papers on various dates namely 1903, 1914, March 1928, May 6, 1920, May 10, 1920 or

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May 20, 1920. In each instance, the New York State Supreme Court, or the United States Court for the Southern District of New York, is indicated as the place of naturalization.

SA PHILIP G. JACKSON reviewed naturalization records of the New York Supreme Court under the names HARRY COHEN and REBECCA COHEN, for the years 1900 to 1940, but no record could be located.

SE ROBERT M. HALL conducted a similar check at Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, with negative results.

The records of the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D.C., were checked by the Washington Field Office and these records failed to disclose any record of the naturalization of HARRY COHEN on the various dates indicated by COHEN or his wife.

Similar confusion also exists in various records concerning the dates of COHEN'S birth, it being shown as August 15, 1886 in various professional records and as 1888 in the Board of Election records.

T-2, of unknown reliability, advised on August 27, 1953, that he believed Dr. HARRY COHEN was spending his vacation in Europe and that he was expected to return to his residence in about one month from the above date.

A request has been directed to the Washington Field Office to obtain further information from the Passport Division of the United States Department of State concerning COHEN and to obtain photographs.

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Dr. BARNEY MILLER

The Bureau has suggested Dr. BARNEY MILLER as a possible suspect for the subject.

During the course of several interviews conducted by Bureau Agents in June 1953, T-3, of unknown reliability, advised that Dr. BARNEY MILLER was an individual whom he believed to be a Communist Party sympathizer, but did not believe to be a Party member. He stated MILLER, a naturalized citizen of Canadian birth, had formerly lived in the same building on East 18th Street as V.J. JEROME, recently convicted under the Smith Act in the Southern District of New York.

According to the informant, MILLER was greatly influenced by JEROME. He said MILLER is a dentist who treats many Communist Party members.

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Our investigation to date in this case has been of necessity limited to the few known facts concerning "Charlie" with some allowance for errors made by Elizabeth Bentley and her principal in describing the subject. Bentley has been interviewed chiefly about suspects who are or have been dentists. You will recall that Bentley has stated she has no recollection that Jacob Golos mentioned "Charlie" as a dentist although her principal, Joseph Katz, described him as such.

Bureau files reflect Charles Dirba (New York file 100-26776) has been described as working closely with Alexander Trachtenberg, Dr. Jacob Mindel and Jacob Golos as well as being an OGPU agent. You will recall that serious consideration was given to the possibility that Mindel was identical with the unknown subject in this case. Bentley has advised that Mindel resembled in some respects the person whom she saw with Golos on one occasion.

In view of Dirba's associations and background, it is requested your office forward photographs of Charles Dirba to the New Orleans Office.

Upon receipt of these photographs, New Orleans should discuss Charles Dirba with Bentley and determine if she has any information concerning him and his association with Golos.

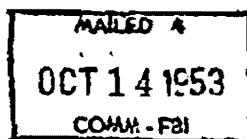
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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Rebuairtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 143, 195 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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Consideration given to Dr. SOLOMON GLOUBERMAN as possible suspect for subject due to the fact that GLOUBERMAN was observed on 7/3/53 in company of Soviet employee of Tass. Dr. ALBERT HINDES and Dr. BERNARD BENDER also considered as possible suspects but appear to be much younger than alleged age of subject. Dr. ISIDORE ENGEL KAUFMAN, former Communist in NYC now residing in NJ, considered as possible suspect and description set out.

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**DETAILS: Dr. SOLOMON GLOUBERMAN**

On January 5, 1951, Dr. MAX M. SCHACHT, 1212 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, advised he had known Dr. S. GLOUBERMAN, 200 East 170th Street, Bronx, New York, for a number of years as a Communist Party member who held frequent Communist Party meetings in his office and openly displayed the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, and large quantities of other Communist Party literature in his office.

T-1, a municipal investigative agency, advised on February 2, 1952, that this individual's name is SOLOMON GLOUBERMAN, who resided in Apartment GB at 1398 Grand Concourse, Bronx, which address is also known as 200 East 170th Street,

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Bronx. GLOUBERMAN was described by the informant as a dentist having an office in the same apartment as his residence.

The records of the Board of Elections, Bronx, New York, show that GLOUBERMAN was born in Pinsk, Russia, October 25, 1879, and arrived in New York City on October 10, 1904. He was naturalized on August 7, 1917 in the Bronx Supreme Court and registered for the Communist Party in 1934. He has consistently registered for the American Labor Party since 1937. His description as of 1952 was as follows:

Age	72
Height	5' 6"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Gray
Scars	Scar on left cheek
Characteristics	Wears glasses, mustache, walks with slight stoop, face lined
Marital Status	Widower.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

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"American Labor Party

"1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 78.)

"2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 40 and 41.)"

T-1 contacted JOHN T. NOBLE, Superintendent at 1389 Grand Concourse, who advised that as of that time GLOUBERMAN is semi-retired. He had no knowledge of any Communist Party activities on the part of GLOUBERMAN.

T-2, of known reliability, advised on March 12, 1953, that he had known GLOUBERMAN for many years as a Communist Party member and described him as a "die-hard" Communist who accepted the Communist Party line without question.

Mrs. ANNA HART, 37 West 85th Street, owner of 150 West 76th Street, New York City, advised on April 10, 1953, that GLOUBERMAN began residence in Room 7, 150 West 76th Street, on February 16, 1953, and she believed him to be retired.

NY X GLOUBERMAN was interviewed by SAs COURTNEY B. GERRISH and E. THOMAS IVEY on July 17, 1953. During the course of the interview he advised he has a daughter in California and a son, ROLAND, who is confined to a Brooklyn mental hospital. He said his son had undergone a brain operation several years ago which left him mentally unbalanced. During the interview GLOUBERMAN declined to discuss his Communist Party associations.

NY Investigation conducted by the New York Office concerning PAVEL A. FISUNOV, a Soviet national correspondent for Tass, reflects that on July 3, 1953, FISUNOV attended a band concert at Central Park, and after having mingled with the crowd and engaging in activity which appeared to be designed

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to detect a surveillance, he finally met two elderly couples at about 9:30 p.m. on that date. About forty minutes later, FISUNOV and the two couples left the concert and proceeded to the exit from the park at 72d Street and Central Park West, where one of the couples shook hands with FISUNOV and proceeded to the Franconia Hotel, 20 West 72d Street.

Shortly thereafter, the man left the hotel and walked to 150 West 76th Street, which address he entered using a key. This individual has been identified from photograph by Agents GERRISH and IVEY as Dr. SOLOMON GLOUBERMAN. The above-mentioned woman, whom he is said to visit frequently at the Franconia Hotel, has been identified as ROSE ARNOLD. *NY*

During the interview of GLOUBERMAN on July 17, 1953, he was observed by the Agents to be in relatively poor health and had to sit down during the interview, making a remark that the circulation in his feet is so poor that they become numb if he stood upon them for any length of time.

SA COURTNEY B. GERRISH advised the writer that little else, other than the above, was said by GLOUBERMAN concerning the state of his health, and no indication was made by him that he has ever undergone an operation of any kind.

Photographs of GLOUBERMAN were obtained by SA FREDERICK H. SMITH, and two photographs are being forwarded to the New Orleans Office as enclosures with this report.

*NY* Dr. GEORGE ALBERT HINDES

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This individual was considered as a possible suspect for the Unknown Subject Charlie, since informants have advised that he was a contact of AUBE TZERKO, associate of SAM CARR, convicted Canadian Communist leader.

It has been ascertained through investigation by Agents of the New York Office that HINDES, a dentist, is the half-brother of LEONA THOMPSON, wife of ROBERT THOMPSON, convicted Smith Act subject.

The records of T-3, another government agency which maintains personnel records, reflect HINDES' date of birth as July 6, 1915.

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In view of the fact that he is believed to be considerably younger than the Unknown Subject Charlie, no further consideration is being given to HINDES as a possible suspect for the subject.

Dr. BERNARD BENDER

The above individual, who in 1943 resided at 506 West 135th Street, New York City, and practiced dentistry at 1457 Broadway, New York City, was considered as a possible suspect for the subject. However, examination of descriptive data appearing in the files of this office reflects his date of birth as April 29, 1919. He is, therefore, not being considered further as a possible suspect for the subject.

Dr. ISIDORE ENGEL KAUFMAN

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DOB 4-4-1883 Russia

During the course of a file review of other matters, it was noted that the above individual was formerly a dentist in New York City and active as a Communist Party member, as outlined below.

The records of the New York State Department of Education, Bureau of Professional Licensure, Dental Division, Albany, New York, reflect KAUFMAN's date of birth as April 4, 1883. He was awarded a New York State dental license in June 1908. As of March 1953 he was no longer registered as a dentist in New York.

Naturalization records for KAUFMAN at the Office of the County Clerk, New York County, reflect his date of birth as above. His Declaration of Intention shows his place of birth as Suwalki, Russia. He indicated he emigrated from Hamburg, Germany, on December 15, 1894.

T-4, of known reliability, advised that KAUFMAN and his wife moved to Dorothy, New Jersey, shortly after World War II, and that they presently own and operate a poultry farm.

On March 6, 1947, T-5, of known reliability, made available information indicating that KAUFMAN was listed in the membership book of the West Midtown Club, Communist Party, 5 Columbus Circle, New York City, as follows:

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"Dr. I. E. Kaufman, 170 West 73d Street.  
Dues paid in 1946. Dentist, Literature  
Director, Old Timer, (Kupitz)"

The informant advised that KAUFMAN was known to members of the West Midtown Club as KUPITZ.

T-5 further advised that KAUFMAN tendered his resignation from the Communist Party at a meeting of the West Midtown Club on June 2, 1947. The informant stated KAUFMAN refused to reregister as a Communist Party member because he did not want his name to be on the Communist Party rolls, but had indicated he would contribute funds and be friendly to the party.

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ENCLOSURES (2) TO NEW ORLEANS

Two photographs of Dr. SOLOMON GLOUBERMAN.

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES (Information)

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At Newark, New Jersey

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>JAN 29 1954</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/22, 25-28/54</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LESTER O. CALLAHER</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: Charlie (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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Consideration given to Dr. SOLOMON GLOUBERMAN as possible suspect for subject due to the fact that GLOUBERMAN was observed on 7/3/53 in company of Soviet employee of Tass. Dr. ALBERT HINDLES and Dr. BERNARD BENDER also considered as possible suspects but appear to be much younger than alleged age of subject. Dr. ISIDORE ENGEL KAUFMAN, former Communist in NYC now residing in NJ, considered as possible suspect and description set out.

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**DETAILS:**

**Dr. SOLOMON GLOUBERMAN**

On January 5, 1951, Dr. MAX M. SCHACHT, 1212 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, advised he had known Dr. S. GLOUBERMAN, 200 East 170th Street, Bronx, New York, for a number of years as a Communist Party member who held frequent Communist Party meetings in his office and openly displayed the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, and large quantities of other Communist Party literature in his office.

T-1, a municipal investigative agency, advised on February 2, 1952, that this individual's name is SOLOMON GLOUBERMAN, who resided in Apartment GB at 139 Grand Concourse, Bronx, which address is also known as 200 East 170th Street,

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Bronx. GLOUBERMAN was described by the informant as a dentist having an office in the same apartment as his residence.

The records of the Board of Elections, Bronx, New York, show that GLOUBERMAN was born in Pinsk, Russia, October 25, 1879, and arrived in New York City on October 10, 1904. He was naturalized on August 7, 1917 in the Bronx Supreme Court and registered for the Communist Party in 1934. He has consistently registered for the American Labor Party since 1937. His description as of 1952 was as follows:

Age	72
Height	5' 6"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Gray
Scars	Scar on left cheek
Characteristics	Wears glasses, mustache, walks with slight stoop, face lined
Marital Status	Widower.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

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**"American Labor Party**

"1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 78.)

"2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 40 and 41.)"

T-1 contacted JOHN T. NORLE, Superintendent at 1339 Grand Concourse, who advised that as of that time GLOUBERMAN is semi-retired. He had no knowledge of any Communist Party activities on the part of GLOUBERMAN.

T-2, of known reliability, advised on March 12, 1953, that he had known GLOUBERMAN for many years as a Communist Party member and described him as a "die-hard" Communist who accepted the Communist Party line without question.

Mrs. ANNA HART, 37 West 85th Street, owner of 150 West 76th Street, New York City, advised on April 10, 1953, that GLOUBERMAN began residence in Room 7, 150 West 76th Street, on February 16, 1953, and she believed him to be retired.

GLOUBERMAN was interviewed by SAs COURTNEY B. GERRISH and E. THOMAS IVEY on July 17, 1953. During the course of the interview he advised he has a daughter in California and a son, ROLAND, who is confined to a Brooklyn mental hospital. He said his son had undergone a brain operation several years ago which left him mentally unbalanced. During the interview GLOUBERMAN declined to discuss his Communist Party associations.

Investigation conducted by the New York Office concerning PAVEL A. FISUNOV, a Soviet national correspondent for Tass, reflects that on July 3, 1953, FISUNOV attended a band concert at Central Park, and after having mingled with the crowd and engaging in activity which appeared to be designed

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to detect a surveillance, he finally met two elderly couples at about 9:30 p.m. on that date. About forty minutes later, FISUNOV and the two couples left the concert and proceeded to the exit from the park at 72d Street and Central Park West, where one of the couples shook hands with FISUNOV and proceeded to the Franconia Hotel, 20 West 72d Street.

Shortly thereafter, the man left the hotel and walked to 150 West 76th Street, which address he entered using a key. This individual has been identified from photograph by Agents GERRISH and IVEY as Dr. SOLOMON GLOUBERMAN. The above-mentioned woman, whom he is said to visit frequently at the Franconia Hotel, has been identified as ROSE ARNOLD.

During the interview of GLOUBERMAN on July 17, 1953, he was observed by the Agents to be in relatively poor health and had to sit down during the interview, making a remark that the circulation in his feet is so poor that they become numb if he stood upon them for any length of time.

SA COURTNEY E. GERRISH advised the writer that little else, other than the above, was said by GLOUBERMAN concerning the state of his health, and no indication was made by him that he has ever undergone an operation of any kind.

Photographs of GLOUBERMAN were obtained by SA FREDERICK H. SMITH, and two photographs are being forwarded to the New Orleans Office as enclosures with this report.

Dr. GEORGE ALBERT HINDES

This individual was considered as a possible suspect for the Unknown Subject Charlie, since informants have advised that he was a contact of AUBE TZERKO, associate of SAM CARR, convicted Canadian Communist leader.

It has been ascertained through investigation by Agents of the New York Office that HINDES, a dentist, is the half-brother of LEONA THOMPSON, wife of ROBERT THOMPSON, convicted Smith Act subject.

The records of T-3, another government agency which maintains personnel records, reflect HINDES' date of birth as July 6, 1915.

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In view of the fact that he is believed to be considerably younger than the Unknown Subject Charlie, no further consideration is being given to HIDEES as a possible suspect for the subject.

Dr. BERNARD BENDER

The above individual, who in 1943 resided at 506 West 135th Street, New York City, and practiced dentistry at 1457 Broadway, New York City, was considered as a possible suspect for the subject. However, examination of descriptive data appearing in the files of this office reflects his date of birth as April 29, 1919. He is, therefore, not being considered further as a possible suspect for the subject.

Dr. ISIDORE ENGEL KAUFMAN

During the course of a file review of other matters, it was noted that the above individual was formerly a dentist in New York City and active as a Communist Party member, as outlined below.

The records of the New York State Department of Education, Bureau of Professional Licensure, Dental Division, Albany, New York, reflect KAUFMAN's date of birth as April 4, 1903. He was awarded a New York State dental license in June 1908. As of March 1953 he was no longer registered as a dentist in New York.

Naturalization records for KAUFMAN at the Office of the County Clerk, New York County, reflect his date of birth as above. His Declaration of Intention shows his place of birth as Suwalki, Russia. He indicated he emigrated from Hamburg, Germany, on December 15, 1894.

T-4, of known reliability, advised that KAUFMAN and his wife moved to Dorothy, New Jersey, shortly after World War II, and that they presently own and operate a poultry farm.

On March 6, 1947, T-5, of known reliability, made available information indicating that KAUFMAN was listed in the membership book of the West Midtown Club, Communist Party, 5 Columbus Circle, New York City, as follows:

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"Dr. I. E. Kaufman, 170 West 73d Street.  
Dues paid in 1946. Dentist, Literature  
Director, Old Timer, (Kupitz)"

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-57904)

DATE: 2/26/54

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (65-4609)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Wa; Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER dated 1/28/54 at N.Y., where a request was made to forward a photograph of Dr. ISIDORE ENGEL KAUFMAN if available and forward same to the New Orleans Office to be exhibited to ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY.

Newark does not possess a photograph of Dr. ISIDORE ENGEL KAUFMAN, however, the following background information may possibly enable the New Orleans Office in their interview of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY:

KAUFMAN was confined to a Philadelphia, Pa. hospital in May 1953 for a gall bladder operation and, according to reports, was not doing well. A confidential informant advised that KAUFMAN requested his name to be removed from the subscription list of the N.J. edition of "The Worker", effective 7/6/52. Informant stated KAUFMAN did not give his reason for the cancellation of his subscription but indicated that it was important his actions be understood. KAUFMAN also maintained a close relationship with the "Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case", 9/52 to 12/52 and signed a letter appealing for clemency for the ROSENBERGS which was published in the Vineland Times Journal, Vineland, N.J., on 12/12/52.

According to another informant, KAUFMAN maintained a close personal relationship with MAUD RUSSELL, 103 West 93 St., N.Y.C. from 9/52 to 4/53. RUSSELL was identified as an active CP member in 1945 and 1946.

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., Charlie (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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**DETAILS:**

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-57904)

DATE: 3/4/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14778)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, wa: Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESP - R  
OO: New York

Re Newark letter, 2/26/54 and report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER at New York, 2/28/54.

It is requested that suitable investigation be conducted by the Newark Office to determine the identity of the Philadelphia hospital to which Dr. ISIDORE ENGEL KAUFMAN was confined in May, 1953 for a gall bladder operation. After this is determined, the Philadelphia Office should be requested to review his medical record for the purpose of determining information concerning KAUFMAN's past medical history and to obtain a physical description of KAUFMAN.

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March 25, 1954

Director, FBI (65-57904)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

Your attention is directed to New York report dated 2-8-52, captioned "Joseph Kanlan, Espionage - R," your file 65-15746. Referenced report contained information on page 11 about a Harry Greenberg, a dental mechanic. It should be noted there are certain basic points of similarity between Greenberg and the unknown subject in this case.

*Cy* → It is requested that your office conduct the necessary investigation to eliminate or identify Greenberg as the unknown subject in this case.

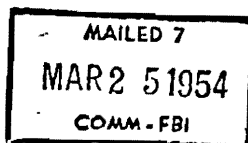
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-57904)

DATE: APR 27 1954

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (65-4609)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

REFERENCE: New York letter to Bureau dated 3/4/54

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NK CS [REDACTED] advised SA THOMAS G. BUTTLE on March 10, 1954 that both Dr. ISIDORE ENGEL KAUFMAN and his wife were hospitalized, at different times, at the Landenaw Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during 1953. Informant is of the impression that ISIDORE KAUFMAN was hospitalized around May 1953.

Philadelphia is requested to review ISIDORE ENGEL KAUFMAN's medical record to determine his past medical history and obtain a physical description, which should be forwarded to the New Orleans Office to assist them in their contact with ELIZABETH BENTLEY in order to identify Unsub. Charlie.

Newark is continuing investigation to obtain a photograph of ISIDORE ENGEL KAUFMAN.

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Charlie (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

*No direct unsub case*

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**DETAILS:      AT GRAND COTEAU, LOUISIANA**

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TO  
FROM  
SUBJECT:

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-57904)

DATE: 5-27-54

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (65-4137)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R  
Origin - New York  
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Re: Newark letter to Bureau 4-27-54 and New York  
letter to Bureau 3-4-54.

Mrs. ELIZABETH K. WEAVER, Record Librarian, Lankenau Hospital, Lancaster and City Line Avenues, Overbrook, Pa., advised SA BILLIE MUSICK on 5-17-54, that the records of her office reflect that I. ENGEL KAUFMAN, a dentist, was a patient at the Lankenau Hospital from 5-9-53, to 5-24-53. She stated the record indicated that KAUFMAN was a resident of Dorothy, N. J., (no street address shown) and was 70 years of age in 1953.

Mrs. WEAVER advised that any additional information regarding KAUFMAN appearing in the records of the hospital is restricted information and cannot be revealed unless the consent of the patient or a close relative of the patient is obtained. She stated the hospital makes no exceptions in this regard.

The Newark office is requested to conduct appropriate investigation at Dorothy, N. J., in an effort to obtain a description of KAUFMAN and attempt to ascertain his state of health during late 1942 or early 1943.

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cc: 2 - New York (65-14778) (RM)  
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TO : Director, FBI (65-57904)

DATE: 6/4/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14778)

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SUBJECT: UNSUB, wa: Charlie  
(Gregory Case)  
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OO: New York

Re Philadelphia letter, 5/27/54.

As the Bureau is aware, the best information we have as to the possible identity of instant subject is information pertaining to the subject's ill health during the latter part of 1942 and/or early 1943.

Referenced letter contains information that the Records Librarian at Lankenow Hospital, Overbrook, Pa., stated that material in the file of Dr. ISIDORE ENGEL KAUFMAN could not be made available without the consent of KAUFMAN or a relative. The letter does not reflect, however, that any inquiry was made of the Record Librarian's superiors at the hospital to ascertain whether the desired information might be made available on a confidential basis.

Philadelphia is, therefore, requested to contact the superintendent at Lankenow Hospital and ask him if he can ascertain from a perusal of the file whether KAUFMAN suffered any major illnesses during the pertinent period and nature of such illnesses, if any. Philadelphia should also attempt to ascertain the name of the doctor who treated KAUFMAN, and, if the information requested above is not forthcoming, should, if there is no compelling reason for not doing so, contact the doctor in an effort to obtain the required information.

It is requested that the results of this investigation be submitted in report form.

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Charlie (GREGORY CASE)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**HARRY and PAULINE GREENBERG** sold their residence in Miami in August, 1952, and have returned to NYC.

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**DETAILS: AT MIAMI, FLORIDA**

A check of the Miami City Directory and Telephone Directory reflects that the premises at 1510 S. W. 15 Street is now occupied by **MEYER M. COHEN**.

**MEYER M. COHEN**, Lewis Insurance Agency, **Seabold** Building, stated he purchased the property at 1510 S. W. 15 Street from **HARRY P. and PAULINE D. GREENBERG** in August, 1952. He stated the **GREENBERGS** were selling the property because Mrs. **GREENBERG** had a sister in New York City who was ill and the **GREENBERGS** were returning to New York City to care for this sister. Mr. **COHEN** stated he did not have any address in New York for the **GREENBERGS**.

Mr. **COHEN** stated that from corr. knowledge received at his residence after the **GREENBERGS** left he knew that Mr.

*Mrs. Harry A. Greenberg NY  
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GREENBERG had a hospitalization and/or accident and health insurance policy with Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company.

DEJANIR DUSE , Attorney at Law, Scofield Building, stated he had represented the GREENBERGS in the transaction where they sold their house to LEYER M. COHEN. Mr. DUSE has no idea why the GREENBERGS came to him for the legal service. He stated that after selling their house the GREENBERGS had returned to New York City. He stated that Mrs. GREENBERG had telephoned him about the first of December, 1953, and had stated she and Mr. GREENBERG were in Miami Beach for a couple of months during the winter season after which they would go back home to New York. Mr. DUSE stated he did not know the GREENBERGS' address in New York.

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T-1 EUGENE DUNIAP, Post Office Inspector.	Forwarding address for GREENBERG.	5/24/54	C. E. SCall DEC. 1954 file.	Instant

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LEADS

THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION: (Information)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-57904)

FROM : *WKF* SAC, San Francisco (65-3938)

DATE: June 9, 1954

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa.  
Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
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Rereport of SA R. F. JACOBS dated 5/18/54 captioned "Mask, Espionage - R".

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Peculiarities or characteristics:	Prominent nose; false teeth;

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LETTER TO DIRECTOR  
NK 65-4609

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Marital status:

Miscellaneous:

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and graduated from college  
1908.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-57904)

FROM :

SUBJECT: SAC, NEWARK (65-4609)

DATE: 7/23/54

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TO : Director, FBI (100-31964)  
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (65-1137)  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 7/23/54

Rerep of SA BILLIE MOSICK at Philadelphia, dated 7/23/54,  
and New York letter dated 6/4/54.

In accordance with the request contained in referenced New York letter to attempt to obtain information regarding Dr. ISIDORE ENGEL KAUFMAN's medical history and the identity of his physician from the records of the Lankenau Hospital, Mr. ALFRED MOYER, Assistant Director of the Lankenau Hospital, Overbrook, Pa., was consulted. Mr. MOYER subsequently directed Mrs. ELIZABETH K. WEAVER, Record Librarian, to review KAUFMAN's medical history and to make his past medical history available. He stated, however, that the name of KAUFMAN's physician could not be made available unless the records were subpoenaed.

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cc: New York (65-57904) (RM)  
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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias "Charlie"

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias "Charlie"  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(Bufile 65-57904)

I. Elizabeth Bentley has advised that following the arrest of Gaik Ovakimian in 1941 Jacob Golos, her Soviet superior, started turning material over to a contact named "Charlie."

II. Bentley has advised that in her later meetings with Joseph Katz she was given a description of "Charlie." On the basis of the identifying data furnished Bentley recalled accidentally seeing Golos with an individual who answered the description given by Katz. Bentley has never met "Charlie."

Age	about 55 (1942)
Height	5 feet, 5 inches
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	dark
Eyes	dark
Nationality	Russian
Religion	Jewish
Residence	somewhere in New York City
Occupation	Dentist in New York City

Peculiarities

"Charlie" was a long-time resident of the United States but spoke poor English. He gave instructions to Golos in Russian. "Charlie" may have had a gall bladder operation.

III. Bentley may be able to identify a photograph of the subject. New York is office of origin.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-14778)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: "Charlie"  
ESP - R

Rebulet to NY 3/24/55, captioned "LOUIS GIBARTI; IS-R," which signified the Bureau desired that immediate steps be taken to correct the previous characterization of LOUIS GIBARTI in all reports and letters prepared in the past. Rebulet directed that in all instances information furnished by GIBARTI should be attributed to GIBARTI by name. He should be characterized as "an alleged former Comintern representative whose credibility is not known since he has in the past furnished both reliable and unreliable information." Rebulet additionally instructed that the characterization be inserted on all copies of the communication in ink, noting the date of change and the initials of the person making the change.

In accordance with the above, the following communication has been changed in the NYO to properly attribute the information to GIBARTI by name and characterization:

(Rpt., Letter, Airtel, Etc.)	(Date)	(Agent's Name)	(Place Where Made)	(Page Nos.)	(T-Symbol)
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*Serial 10*

*Change made 6/15/55 RCT*

Where this communication was a report, the information corresponding to the T-symbol number for GIBARTI on the informant page has been marked "Deleted."

It is requested that the Bureau and all interested offices who received copies of the communication make changes on all copies in their possession.

It is to be noted that copies of this communication were disseminated locally to the following NY agencies: None

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cc - 1-Chicago (RM)  
1-Washington Field (65-4969)  
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Letter to Director  
NY 65-14778

One copy of instant letter has been designated for the Cleveland office inasmuch as a written notation on the report of SA GRICKIS, referred to above, reflects that one of the NY copies of that report was sent to the Cleveland office on 4/25/50.

TO: DIRECTOR (BI) (65-57904)

6/10/55

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-14778)

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TO : Director, FBI (65-57904)

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (65-3938)

DATE: 2/19/57

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

It will be noted from prior correspondence in the case entitled, "ERIC MARTIN PANKE, wa., ESPIONAGE - R", that SF [redacted] has advised that he met HARRY KAGAN through I DON MINSTER. Further, that HARRY KAGAN was a dental mechanic and had offices on Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. This would have been apparently in the early to middle 1930s. The informant has advised that he became quite friendly with KAGAN and while he, the informant, was in Shanghai, China, on an espionage mission in 1935 KAGAN visited the informant's wife and son in the Bronx and offered them assistance in their move to Moscow, Russia in 1936.

The informant had previously advised that when he was in Shanghai on the above mission, a representative of the Soviet Intelligence network called on his wife in the Bronx once a month and paid her approximately \$50. The informant has stated he does not know the identity of this individual. When questioned as to whether KAGAN could have been identical with the last mentioned individual, the informant stated that he did not believe that this was possible inasmuch as he never had any indication that KAGAN was connected with Soviet Intelligence.

The informant has advised that on each occasion of contact with KAGAN he has been able to get the latter's address and telephone number from the New York Telephone Directory and believes that the address of 1086 East Boulevard was where KAGAN resided. The informant has described KAGAN as being slightly younger than 63 (present time) and approximately 5'6" tall, 155 lbs., black hair, married and having two children.

It is noted that the above description seems to fit to some extent the description of UnSub CHARLIE as furnished to ELIZABETH BENILEY by JOSEPH KATZ with the exception of the age. KAGAN would appear to be somewhat younger than the description for UNSUB CHARLIE. However, it is

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noted that the description of this UNSUB is subject to some question inasmuch as ELIZABETH BENTLEY is not sure that she ever saw the individual and even if she did she did not have a good look at him. She was depending upon her recollection of that JOSEPH KATZ said for a more accurate description. It is noted that UNSUB CHARLIE was reported by JOSEPH KATZ to be a dentist.

It is suggested that the New York office give consideration to the possibility that HARRY KAGAN may be identical with the UNSUB in this case and conduct appropriate research and investigation to determine whether such is true.

Additional research is being conducted by the San Francisco Division in this case with regard to information furnished by SF [REDACTED] which might be of assistance in determining the identity of the UNSUB in this case. (b)(7)(D)

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (Your file 65-14778)

DATE: April 10, 1957

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and serial 65-57904-80)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE) ESPIONAGE - R

Office of Origin: New York

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. 1738

Report submitted *Ref NY let 3/28/57 entitled "HARRY KAGAN: IS-R"*Report will be submitted *wherein it is noted Nyo believes captioned*Reason for delay *unsub is not identical with KAGAN due*

*to info. developed re KAGAN to date. After all background info re KAGAN is developed, Nyo will determine if Unsub is KAGAN or identical & will advise Bureau. Instant file remains closed.*

2. ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case. *status*
3. ☒ Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
4. ( ) Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-57904)

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (65-3938)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, wa., Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 4/8/57

OO: New York

ReSan Francisco letter 2/19/57.

The San Francisco Division has conducted research with regard to the information furnished by SF [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D) in an effort to develop information that might be of assistance in determining the identity of the UNSUB in this case. In this connection, it is noted that SF [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D) has identified a photograph of HARRY MINSTER, brother of LEON and ROBERT MINSTER as being that of an individual he met on one occasion in either 1933 or 1934 at which time HARRY MINSTER was a buyer for Amtorg and was living in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The report of SA JEROME M. GARLAND, dated 10/22/45 at Washington, D.C. in the case of HARRY MINSTER; LEON MINSTER; ROBERT MINSTER; IS-R (New York file 100-17455) contains information that HARRY MINSTER returned to the U.S. from Europe (including Russia) on 7/4/34 and became employed by the USSR Export and Import Corporation at 220 - 5th Avenue, New York City. The offices of this company included one S. B. BROWNE, Vice President.

The files on JOSEPH KATZ reflect that one SAMUEL BROWN purchased the Tempus Import Company, 119 West 57th Street, New York City from MARTIN YOUNG on 10/20/45. YOUNG had previously purchased this concern from JOSEPH KATZ on 5/17/45, it having originally been established by KATZ. BROWN was identified by New York informant ND [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D) as a paid functionary of the CP from the early 1930s to 1945. It will be noted that the UNSUB in instant case was apparently well known to JOSEPH KATZ who furnished ELIZABETH BENTLEY most of the information she possesses concerning the UNSUB. It would seem possible that the above mentioned S. B. BROWNE is identical with the SAMUEL BROWN involved in the JOSEPH KATZ case although

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New York may well possess information which would clarify this possibility one way or the other. It is noted that the description of the UNSUB in this case furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY and apparently obtained by her from JOSEPH KATZ is as follows:

Age	55 (1942)
Height	5'5"
Weight	160 pounds
Build	stocky
Hair	dark
Eyes	dark
Complexion	swarthy
Nationality	Russian-Jew
Occupation	possibly dentist

Description of HARRY MINSTER as obtained from the above-mentioned report of SA GARLAND in the MINSTER case is as follows:

Born	July 17, 1894
Height	5'8"
Eyes	gray
Hair	brown
Complexion	ruddy
Permanent Address	167 Maple Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
Peculiarities	Long nose Large mouth Round chin and face

It will be apparent from the above that there is considerable variance in the two descriptions, however, it is not known whether the description furnished by BENTLEY is entirely accurate, and the description of MINSTER is obviously not complete.

It will be noted from the above that HARRY MINSTER in the 1930s was apparently living in Bridgeport, Conn., and it would appear logical that JOSEPH KATZ spent a

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considerable portion of his time in Bridgeport at least beginning in 1939.

The files of JOSEPH KATZ reflect that the Meriden Dental Laboratories, 5 South Colony Street, Meriden, Conn., was formed by JOSEPH KATZ and JOSEPH WOLFSON in 1939. KATZ at that time was living at 622 West 124th St., New York City and apparently had no address at Meriden, Conn. About four years later and apparently in about 1944, KATZ and WOLFSON severed partnership and WOLFSON continued to operate the Meriden Dental Laboratories. It would seem possible that ELIZABETH BENTLEY may have obtained the impression that the UNSUB in this case was a dentist due to the fact that KATZ was engaged in the dental laboratory business in Meriden, Conn.

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Information concerning the whereabouts and activities of HARRY MINSTER during the pertinent period in this case is not available to San Francisco, and it is entirely possible that the New York Division has information which would eliminate him from further consideration. It is suggested however, that in the absence of such information, consideration might be given to the possibility that HARRY MINSTER is identical with UNSUB Charlie and in this connection it might be advisable to display a photograph of HARRY MINSTER to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-57904)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14778)  
SUBJECT: UNSUB, wa: Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESP-R

DATE: 5/8/57

Re San Francisco letter 4/8/57.

Re letter suggested that consideration be given to the possibility that HARRY MINSTER is identical with UNSUB CHARLIE and to consider the advisability of displaying a photograph of HARRY MINSTER to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

UNSUB CHARLIE was described as a Dentist while HARRY MINSTER's employment is that of a salesman.

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As HARRY MINSTER was not known to be a Dentist and ELIZABETH BENTLEY was unable to identify a photograph of him, he is not believed to be identical with the UNSUB CHARLIE in this case.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-56999)

9/23/57

SAC, NEW YORK (105-23548)

HARRY KAGAN  
IS-R  
OO: New York

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Re Bureau 0-1 form dated 9/16/57, and captioned  
UNSUB: wa: CHARLIE (GREGORY CASE), ESP-R, and NYlet to Bureau  
in captioned matter dated 3/28/57.

Referenced letter sets forth background information of HARRY KAGAN, as well as the results of a thorough file review of the Gregory Case. At the time it was believed by the New York Office that UNSUB CHARLIE was not identical with subject, therefore, investigation was not re-opened in the Gregory Case. To date, additional information developed in the KAGAN case does not indicate that HARRY KAGAN is identical with UNSUB CHARLIE of the Gregory Case.

The New York Office will remain alert for any information identifying KAGAN with CHARLIE, and will not eliminate such a possibility. However, at the present time, in view of the absence of such identifying information, the New York Office will maintain the Gregory Case in a closed status, UACB.

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TO : SAC, New York (65-14635)

DATE:

9/30/60

FROM : ✓ Director, FBI (65-57771)

SUBJECT:

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ReBulet 8/12/59.

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Re: [REDACTED]

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**UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias "Charlie"**  
**ESPIONAGE - R**  
**(Bufile 65-57904)**

I. Elizabeth Bentley has advised that following the arrest of Gaik Ovakimian in 1941 Jacob Golos, her Soviet superior, started turning material over to a contact named "Charlie."

II. Bentley has advised that in her later meetings with Joseph Katz she was given a description of "Charlie." On the basis of the identifying data furnished Bentley recalled accidentally seeing Golos with an individual who answered the description given by Katz. Bentley has never met "Charlie."

Age	About 55 (1942)
Height	5 feet, 5 inches
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Nationality	Russian
Religion	Jewish
Residence	Somewhere in New York City
Occupation	Dentist in New York City

Peculiarities

"Charlie" was a long-time resident of the United States but spoke poor English. He gave instructions to Golos in Russian. "Charlie" may have had a gall bladder operation.

III. Bentley may be able to identify a photograph of the subject. New York is office of origin.

Director, FBI (105-76231)

1/19/61

SAC, New Haven (105-2622)

DAVID SAUL SALETAN  
IS - R

Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 11/30/60 and  
Bureau airtel to New Haven dated 12/6/60.

On January 11, 1961, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed  
at the Long Lane School, Middletown, Conn., by SA's  
SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA and WILLIAM H. BOOTH, JR.

The eight photographs of subject furnished with referenced  
New York airtel were exhibited to BENTLEY who advised that  
the person portrayed therein did not appear familiar to  
her and did not resemble her recollection of the descrip-  
tion of "CHARLIE." BENTLEY stated that she had never met  
"CHARLIE." She also stated that subject's appearance in  
the exhibited photographs did not impress her as being  
identical with the person she had seen with GOLOS, who  
answered the description of "CHARLIE" given her by JOSEPH  
KATZ.

BENTLEY recalled that the latter person was "short and  
stocky with a swarthy complexion," that he had dark hair  
and a rather full or round face. BENTLEY noted that  
certain features of subject displayed in the above photo-  
graphs were at variance with her recollection of "CHARLIE,"  
i.e., subject's face appears thin and long rather than  
round; subject is bald and has a mustache, whereas her  
information in 1942 was that "CHARLIE" had hair and no  
indication of a mustache.

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To: SAC, New Haven  
2 - New York (100-112420)

From: Director, FBI (100-76221)

DAVID SAUL SALETAN  
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Re New York airtel 11-30-60.

Authority granted to contact Bentley and exhibit  
to her photographs of subject for possible identification  
as "Charlie."

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NOTE: Subject has been under Bureau investigation based  
on association with Willie Hirsch recently indicted and arrested  
on espionage charges and because of previous CP activity.  
New York Office believes that subject's background and  
description render him possibly identical with unsub Charlie.  
Elizabeth Bentley previously advised that following the  
arrest of Gaik Ovakinian in 1941 Jacob Golos, her Soviet  
superior, started turning over material to a contact named  
"Charlie." Extensive investigation has been conducted  
to identify Charlie with negative results.

In May, 1959, New Haven was instructed not to contact  
Elizabeth Bentley without Bureau authority because of her  
nervous condition and the reluctance to talk to Bureau agents.  
Subsequently, in 1959, however, there was a cordial exchange  
of correspondence between the Bureau and Bentley and in May,  
1960, New Haven was authorized to interview her concerning a  
subject of a Bureau investigation. She was interviewed and was  
very cooperative at that time. It is believed ~~that~~  
instant contact is warranted since she is the original  
source of the information and may be able to furnish information  
of value.

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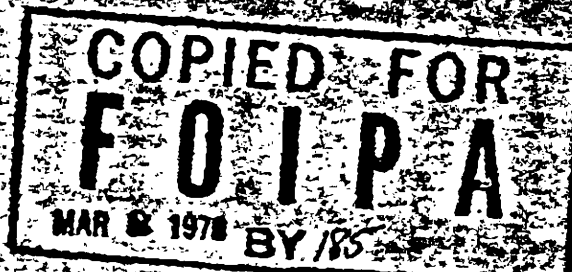
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : W. A. BRANIGAN *WAB*

DATE: April 7, 1953

FROM : R. G. JENSEN *RGJ*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
(Residing South Side of  
13th Street Between Fifth  
Avenue and University Place,  
New York City)  
Elizabeth T. Bentley - Informant  
ESPIONAGE - R

Elizabeth Bentley, in July, 1951, advised she recalled Jacob Golos going to an apartment in the building located on the South side of 13th St., between 5th Ave. and University Place, NYC. It was her recollection that Golos indicated there was a woman typist in the apartment who copied espionage material for the apparatus at this address. Bentley was certain this took place some time in 1939 or 1940. Bentley has also advised she has never met this woman typist.

On the basis of information furnished by Bentley, and investigation conducted by the New York Office, the apartment in question appears to have been at 30 East 13th St., NYC. Eva Colton was a resident of the apartment in question from February, 1939, to April, 1940. One former neighbor identified a photograph of Rebecca Getzoff, mistress of Joseph Katz, as possibly identical with Eva Colton.

Rebecca Getzoff may be considered as a logical suspect for it is known she has used the name Eva while in residence at 64 West 55th St., where she did a considerable amount of typing. Getzoff during her residence at this address did a considerable amount of typing, and used the name of Eva Gardner. Bentley has also stated that Joseph Katz knew of the subject and indicated more than a casual interest in her and also had some knowledge of the subject's activities.

## RECOMMENDATION:

1. It is recommended that this case be closed pending further developments in the cases involving Rebecca Getzoff and Joseph Katz.

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SAC, New York

December 14, 1951

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

(Residing south side of 13th Street  
between 5th Avenue and University  
Place, New York City)

Elizabeth T. Bentley - Informant  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Arnold N. Brandt (A) dated September 11, 1951, at New York, in the case entitled "Joseph Kaplan, Espionage - R."

Page nine of referenced report states that Bentley, when interviewed by Special Agent Lester O. Gallaher concerning Kaplan's apartment, 161 W 22nd Street, New York City, alleged by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] to have been used by Jacob Golos and by Bernie Chester (Schuster), said that she did not recognize the West 22nd Street address. (b)(7)(D)

The report then states on page nine:

"Miss Bentley said that she could recall that there had been a place where copying work was done in 1940 or 1941 in a building which she could remember as being located on the south side of 13th Street, between Fifth Avenue and University Place, about in the middle of the block. She said that it was her recollection that this building had no central heating, but that kerosene or fuel oil was used, and she had the impression that it was on the second or third floor. She said she never met the people who operated this particular establishment." (65-60271-12)

New York should interview Bentley to determine whether she ever visited the place where copying work was done and if she can identify this place, if she sees it. New York should also ascertain how Bentley obtained her information about this "establishment."  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 14, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: UNSUBS(Residing south side of 13th Street  
between 5th Avenue and University Place,  
New York City)ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY - Informant  
ESP-R

Rebulet 12/14/51.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY is at present on an extended lecture tour in the midwest and therefore has been unavailable for interview. She is expected to return to her residence on or about 2/18/52, after which date she will be contacted and interviewed regarding the above captioned matter.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE MAR 19 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/7/52	REPORT MADE BY LESTER O. GALLAHER
TITLE <u>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (Residing south side of 13th Street between 5th Avenue and University Place, New York City)</u> <u>ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY - INFORMANT</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R <i>with 1-16</i>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY advised she accompanied JACOB GOLOS on several occasions when he went to an apartment where copying work was done apparently for the Soviet espionage apparatus. She advised she never went into this place but remained outside in GOLOS' car; however, from information which she obtained from GOLOS, she learned that the person who did this work was a woman. She later gained the impression from conversations with JOSEPH KATZ that considerable importance was placed on this individual and that the Russians were critical of GOLOS for taking BENTLEY to the vicinity of subjects residence.			
APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF <i>DECLASSIFICATION</i> DATE <i>2/27/76 RA/...</i> DETAILS: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY was interviewed by the writer in July, 1951, for any information she might have concerning a place used by JACOB GOLOS and others for photographic work in about 1941. She advised that she was not familiar with the place in question. However, in discussing this matter she said she could recall that there had been a place where copying work was done in 1940 or 1941. This was located in an apartment in a building which she remembered as being located on the south side of 13th Street between Fifth Avenue and University Place, New York City, near the middle of the block. It was her recollection that this building had no central heating, but that kerosene or fuel oil was used and she had the impression that the			
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REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York, 12/14/51

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**DETAILS:** ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY was interviewed by the writer in July, 1951, for any information she might have concerning a place used by JACOB GOLOS and others for photographic work in about 1941. She advised that she was not familiar with the place in question. However, in discussing this matter she said she could recall that there had been a place where copying work was done in 1940 or 1941. This was located in an apartment in a building which she remembered as being located on the south side of 13th Street between Fifth Avenue and University Place, New York City, near the middle of the block. It was her recollection that this building had no central heating, but that kerosene or fuel oil was used and she had the impression that the

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, New York. 3/19/52.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: January 26, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Former Special Agent Tom Feeney came by the office today and left several memoranda prepared by him or E. C. Kennelly during the course of their work for the Cox Committee investigating Communist infiltration into Foundations, which he thought we should have for our files.

The memoranda attached deal with interviews with Louis Budenz, Bella Dodd, Manning Johnson, Maurice Malkin, Elizabeth Bentley, Igor Bogolepov and Mortimer Graves. The printed copies of testimony have not been received as yet, however, arrangements have been made to furnish us with copies once they are received.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Belmont

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TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner (2)

FROM : J. A. Sullivan

SUBJECT: USE OF BENEVOLENT TRUST FUNDS,  
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DATE: February 24, 1954

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**ELI-ABETH BENTLEY**

The attached memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson has been reviewed thoroughly. The substance of this material has been set forth in previous memoranda under the above caption.

Two copies of this material are being furnished to the New York Division for review and incorporation in future reports on individuals where necessary.

It is recommended that this material be filed as follows:

- (1) The original and one Photostat in the captioned file.
- (2) That one set of Photostats be broken up so the results of the interviews with the various witnesses may be placed in the witnesses' individual files.
- (3) It is further recommended that the original of this memorandum be thoroughly indexed by the files section for future reference.

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT (Residing south side of 13th Street between 5th Avenue and University Place, New York City) ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY - INFORMANT</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

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**DETAILS:**

ON 2/24/78

**I. PREDICATION**

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## II. KNOWN FACTS CONCERNING SUBJECT

On September 23, 1952, Miss BENTLEY, after having been given an opportunity to view the various buildings on 13th Street between Fifth Avenue and University Place, advised SA LESTER O. GALLAHER and SA JAMES T. KELLY, JR., that the building where she recalled the individual in question resided was the building identified as 30 East 13 Street.

On March 7, 1952, Miss BENTLEY advised SA GALLAHER that she became aware of the subject when JACOB GOLOS took her in his car on several occasions when he went to visit this place. She said GOLOS would park down the street and would enter alone, leaving her sitting in the car until the completion of his business there.

Miss BENTLEY advised she had gained the impression from remarks made by GOLOS that the person at the address was a woman typist who copied espionage material for the apparatus. She said she also gained the impression from GOLOS' statements that this person lived alone at this address, that she had not been there very long at the time Miss BENTLEY became aware of her, and that she did not remain there for any extended period. Miss BENTLEY is uncertain as to the exact dates of the subject's residence in the apartment but is quite certain that it was at some time in 1939 or 1940.

Miss BENTLEY recalled that GOLOS had told her that the woman was moving from the apartment and suggested that Miss BENTLEY might wish to take over the apartment inasmuch as she was at that time dissatisfied with the place where she was living. Miss BENTLEY said she considered this idea but discarded it when GOLOS told her the apartment had no central heating but was heated by the use of kerosene or fuel oil. Miss BENTLEY stated further that she places the date of her awareness of the subject as coinciding with the dates of her residence on Grove Street, New York City, which she advised she left in December, 1940.

Miss BENTLEY advised that at a later date during her association with her principal, "JACK," (whom she has identified

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as the Soviet espionage agent, JOSEPH KATZ), some discussion was entered into between them concerning the subject. JACK advised BENTLEY that the apparatus placed considerable importance on the subject and told her that this woman used to do important copying work and was also important to the organization for other unspecified reasons. JACK was critical of the fact that GOLOS had taken BENTLEY along when he called at this apartment and said that GOLOS had jeopardized the apparatus by doing so.

### III. INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT

Observation by the writer has disclosed that 30 East 13 Street is an old building of 4 stories, formerly a tenement dwelling but presently devoted to business enterprises. The first floor, which is a store, is occupied by the American Glass and Window Shade Company.

A. JARAY, proprietor of the American Glass and Window Shade Company, advised that he had been in business in this block at his present address and at 34 East 13 Street for over 20 years. He further advised that numbers 30 and 32 East 13 Street had been converted to central heating within the last 2 or 3 years, and that as far as he knew these were the only dwellings which had been without central heating in that block. JARAY said that his building, as well as numbers 28 and 32, had recently been sold and that for some time prior to this sale had been managed by J. EDGAR LEAYCRAFT and Company, 50 East 42 Street, New York City.

At the offices of this later concern, ANTON C. LANGSDORF advised that while his firm had managed the property since before World War II, records concerning the tenants were very incomplete, inasmuch as the property had been re-leased and was no longer managed by the firm. LANGSDORF reviewed the records available and was able to furnish the names of the following tenants at 30 East 13 Street during the pertinent periods:

#### Second Floor:

CRAWFORD DONOHUE, 1940  
LOUIS M. TIMBLIN, 1940-1941

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FRANK J. CUPA, 1942  
CASSANDRA BLEY and ELENA N. THOMA, 1942

Third Floor:

~~NY~~ Mrs. WILLIAM J. ~~Iwami~~ and MAUD B. ~~IWAMI~~, 1940-1942

Fourth Floor:

HELEN L. ~~GARDNER~~, 1939  
EVA ~~COLTON~~, 1940  
WERNER VON ROSENSTEIL, 1941-1942

Analysis of the above information would appear to restrict the subject to being identical with either HELEN L. GARDNER, who resided on the fourth floor in 1939, or EVA COLTON, who occupied the same apartment in 1940.

~~NY~~ On December 9, 1952, A. JARAY, mentioned above, was re-interviewed. JARAY advised that he could recall HELEN GARDNER had been a tenant, that she had been a former actress who came from a rather well-to-do family, and who had moved to Connecticut. JARAY also recalled Mr. and Mrs. IWAMI. He said that IWAMI died some time ago and that his widow presently is known by her maiden name, MAUD ROBINSON. Mrs. ROBINSON, according to JARAY, operates a business known as Mico System, a firm dealing in carbon paper and typewriter supplies, at 621 Broadway.

JARAY could not recall any information concerning EVA COLTON nor was the name familiar to him.

On this occasion, a 1948 passport photograph of REBECCA GETZOFF was exhibited to JARAY. However, he advised that the photograph was unfamiliar to him.

On December 9, 1952, Mrs. MAUD ROBINSON (formerly IWAMI), was interviewed by SA SHERMAN E. CLARK and the writer at her office at 621 Broadway. Mrs. ROBINSON said she recalled

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HELEN GARDNER because she was very friendly with her. HELEN GARDNER, according to Mrs. ROBINSON, came from an old Connecticut family, and some years ago was an actress. She further advised that Miss GARDNER presently resides at 406 West Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Mrs. ROBINSON stated she did recall that after HELEN GARDNER moved another woman moved into the apartment but she could not recall any specific details concerning this person. Mrs. ROBINSON was questioned as to the name, EVA COLTON, and she advised that she did recall this name and believed that this was the name of the tenant who followed HELEN GARDNER. The previously mentioned photograph of REBECCA GETZOFF was exhibited to Mrs. ROBINSON, who stated that the photograph was familiar to her and she believed this individual was possibly EVA COLTON.

On December 10, 1952, ANTON C. LANGSDORF was re-interviewed at the offices of J. Edgar Leacycraft, 50 East 42 Street, New York City. He advised that the records available concerning the apartment in question were very limited. However, such records as were available reflected that EVA COLTON moved into the apartment on February 15, 1939, and moved out on April 13, 1940. These records further reflected that COLTON paid a rental of \$50 per month but that during the winter months the tenant was allowed a reduction of \$7 per month inasmuch as the apartment was not heated by the landlord and this \$7 was supposed to pay for the fuel oil required to heat it. These records also reflected that when COLTON moved she owed a months rent, which was never paid.

LANGSDORF stated that a memorandum notation on the books indicated that at the time of her removal, COLTON had advised that she was moving to 45 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York.

LANGSDORF further advised that HELEN GARDNER had moved out of the apartment approximately a month before COLTON moved in and that the apartment remained vacant from April 13, 1940, until September 1, 1940, when WERNER VON ROSENSTEIL and his wife moved in. The ROSENSTEILS remained in the apartment until October 1, 1945.

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LANGSDORF said there was no indication that COLTON had any contact with either GARDNER or the VON ROSENSTEILS. LANGSDORF had no recollection of COLTON insofar as physical appearance was concerned. He was also shown the previously mentioned photograph of REBECCA GETZOFF but could not identify her. LANGSDORF explained that it was the practice of his firm to request references when tenants rented apartments handled by the concern; however, all reference records pertaining to the period in question have been destroyed.

LANGSDORF advised that the building superintendent at 30 East 13 Street had been a long-time employee of his concern named LOUIS WEBER, but that WEBER had died some time ago. LANGSDORF advised that the other tenants at 30 East 13 Street at the time of EVA COLTON's residence there were Mrs. MAUD ROBINSON IWAMI and her husband and CRAWFORD E. L. DONOHUGH, who is married to the principal of LANGSDORF's firm and who presently resides at 221 East 78 Street, New York City, and is employed by the Brooklyn Public Library. LANGSDORF advised that he had known DONOHUGH for many years and that he considered him a completely reliable person.

CRAWFORD DONOHUGH was interviewed on January 29, 1953, and he advised that the name, EVA COLTON, was completely unfamiliar to him. The previously mentioned photograph of REBECCA GETZOFF was exhibited to DONOHUGH, but he was unable to recognize it. DONOHUGH explained that at the time of his residence at 30 East 13 Street he had been very active in the New York State National Guard and that he had just become engaged to be married. As a result, he spent most of his time away from his apartment and had little or no contact with his neighbors at 30 East 13 Street.

On December 17, 1952, VINCENT LEDWICK, superintendent, 45 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA SHERMAN E. CLARK that he had been superintendent at this address since 1938 or 1939 and that he could not recall anyone named EVA COLTON ever having lived there. LEDWICK was unable to recognize the previously mentioned photograph of REBECCA GETZOFF.

On December 21, 1952, SA CLARK examined the records of the Catlin Holding Corporation, 899 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, which firm manages the property at 45 Linden Boulevard.



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No record of EVA COLTON ever having been a tenant at that address could be located.

On January 29, 1953, SA CLARK interviewed LEONARD COHN, presently employed by Killner Homes, 21-78 Ford Street, Brooklyn, formerly rental agent for the Catlin Holding Corporation, and specifically handling the building at 45 Linden Boulevard. COHN advised he could not recall anyone named EVA COLTON ever residing at 45 Linden Boulevard. COHN was shown the photograph of REBECCA GETZOFF but he stated that it was totally unfamiliar to him.

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, on December 12, 1952, advised that he had no record available concerning EVA COLTON, of 30 East 13 Street.

A check of the records of the Board of Elections for the City of New York on December 16, 1952, by SE CLINTON E. POLLOCK, failed to reflect any registration by EVA COLTON, at 30 East 13 Street in 1939 or in 1940.

SA FRANK BYDLON, on December 11, 1952, caused a check to be made of the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York concerning EVA COLTON, of 30 East 13 Street, with negative results.

A check of the records of the New York City Police Department by SA AUGUST J. MICEK failed to reflect any record for EVA COLTON, of 30 East 13 Street, in either the Criminal Identification or the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation files.

#### IV. ANALYSIS

Analysis of the known facts concerning the subject and of the results of investigation to date would seem to indicate that the subject was the woman who resided at 30 East 13 Street as EVA COLTON. The subject was known to JACOB GOLOS. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY knew of the subject through GOLOS but never actually saw her and so is unable to furnish any description of her. BENTLEY has also advised that JOSEPH KATZ knew of the subject but never identified her to BENTLEY.

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although he indicated a more than casual interest in and knowledge of the subject's activities. N.Y.

Of the known contacts of REBECCA GETZOFF, who has been identified through other investigations as KATZ's mistress and who has been described as a Soviet espionage agent in 1944 by Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, the following points of conjecture are offered as being identical with the unknown subject:

1. While GETZOFF was ostensibly living at 27 Sickie Street with her mother in 1940, it is interesting to note that she was also ostensibly living with her mother when she leased an apartment at 64 West 55 Street on February 17, 1943, as EVA R. GARDNER. N.Y.

2. GETZOFF is known to have used the name EVA.

3. Mrs. MAUD ROBINSON, a former neighbor of the subject, has identified a photograph of GETZOFF as being familiar and possibly being a photograph of EVA COLTON.

Of the other persons who may have had contact with EVA COLTON and failed to identify GETZOFF's photograph, COLTON's neighbor, CRAWFORD DONOHUGH, had no recollection of EVA COLTON and indicated he spent very little time around his apartment building. ANTON LANGSDORF, the rental agent, had no specific recollection of EVA COLTON and probably did not come into personal contact on very many occasions. A. JARAY, who operated a business in the neighborhood, could not recall COLTON at all nor is there any specific indication that he had personal contact with her.

4. Other investigation has disclosed that while GETZOFF was residing at 64 West 55 Street as EVA GARDNER she did a considerable amount of typing. This typing could have been copy work; and BENTLEY has indicated that she gained the impression from remarks made by JACOB GOLOS that the unknown subject was a woman typist who copied espionage material.

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V. CONCLUSION

While REBECCA GETZOFF may be considered a logical suspect for the unknown subject as has been set forth above, sufficient information is not presently available to definitely establish or to definitely eliminate GETZOFF as the subject.

Investigation at 45 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York, has failed to disclose that EVA COLTON ever moved to that address. All logical and available sources which could have information concerning EVA COLTON have been contacted without developing any identifying information.

It would appear that the best possibility of definitely identifying the unknown subject is to be found in the continuing investigation of the GETZOFF and JOSEPH KATZ cases.

Until additional identifying information is secured, this case is being closed.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, New York, 3/19/52.  
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Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of the report of SA  
ARNOLD E. BRANDT, dated 2/12/53 at New York.

It is not believed this report should be disseminated  
since it contains reference to espionage connections of REBECCA  
GETZOFF, who has been possibly linked to JACK SOBLE in the MOCASE  
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Rerep Special Agent Arnold E. Brandt,  
February 12, 1953, at New York City.

Page 5 of referenced report reflects that  
limited records are available on Eva Colton at the  
offices of J. Edgar Leaycraft, 50 East 42nd Street,  
New York City.

New York should determine if any handwriting  
specimens of Eva Colton are available in these records.  
If same are available, they should be forwarded to the  
Bureau for comparison with the handwriting of Eva Getzoff,  
whose handwriting specimens are available at the Bureau.

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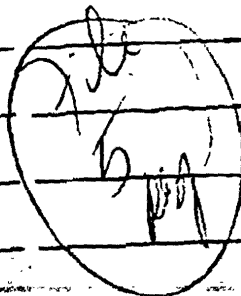
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Rebulet, 3/18/53.

The limited records available concerning EVA COLTON at the offices of J. EDGAR LEAYCRAFT, 50 E. 42 St., NYC, as mentioned in the report of SA ARNOLD E. BRANDT, 2/12/53, NY, in the captioned matter, were all prepared by ANTON C. LANGSDORF or by clerical employees of that firm. Nothing prepared or written by EVA COLTON is included among these records.

Inasmuch as no specimens of EVA COLTON'S handwriting are available for Laboratory examination, as suggested in rebulet, this case is being considered closed.

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NR	10/16/50	LETTER LADD TO BELMONT	1	1	
27	10/9/50	LETTER FM. NY TO HQ	1	1	
28 inc.	10/16/50	TELETYPE FM. NY TO HQ	3	3	
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38	3/28/51	LETTER FM NY TO HQ	1	1	
39	4/25/51	LETTER FM NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
40	4/26/51	PRESS RELEASE RE. SUBJECT	2	2	
NR 0	4/24/51	LETTER TO HQ FM NY 0	1	1	

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41	4/26/51	LETTER FM HQ TO NY. W/ENCL.	2	2	
NR	4/28/51	LETTER; FM HQ TO NY	1	1	
42	5/9/51	LETTER FM NY TO HQ	1	1	
43	5/24/51	FORM 4-1117 - EBF	1	1	
44inc	7/10/51	W/ENCL. LETTER FM 3RD PARTY	4	4	1(N.C.)
44out	7/20/51	NY. LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
45out	10/9/51	LETTER FM HQ TO NY	2	2	
45inc	9/29/51	LETTER FM NY TO HQ	1	1	
46	10/6/51	LETTER JONES TO NICHOLS	1	1	
47	10/16/51	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
48	10/18/51	LETTER NH TO HQ W/ENCL	2	2	
49	10/20/51	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	



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50	1/3/52	INFORMANT REPORT	1	1	
51	1/21/51	INTERNAL MEMO TO HV	1	1	
52	1/23/52	LETTER FM NY TO HQ	1	1	
53	3/13/52	LETTER HV TO AAG	2	2	
NR	5/8/52	LETTER CLEVE. TO BELMONT	2	2	
54 inc	5/7/52	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
54 out	5/19/52	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
55	5/13/52	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	1	1	
56	5/13/52	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	3	3	
57	5/15/52	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	1	1	
58 inc	5/16/52	W/2pg ENCL. LETTER 4 PG NY TO HQ w/1 COPY	10	10	5 (N.C)
58 out	5/22/52	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	

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59 inc.	7/10/52	LETTER NY TO HQ w/1 COPY	6	6	3(N.C.)
59 OUT	7/16/52	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
60	7/16/52	LETTER BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	2	2	
61	8/29/52	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	2	2	
62	8/29/52	w/1 COPY TELETYPE N.H. TO HQ	4	4	2(N.C.)
63	9/4/52	LETTER NY TO HQ w/1 COPY	6	6	3(N.C.)
64	9/6/52	TELETYPE NH TO HQ	1	1	
65	9/22/52	LETTER HENNRICH TO BELMONT	1	1	
66	9/26/52	w/1 copy - 2-10pgs. LETTER NY TO HQ	18	18	9(N.C.)
67	9/26/52	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	2	2	
68	10/6/52	LETTER HENNRICH TO BELMONT	1	1	
69 inc.	10/8/52	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	

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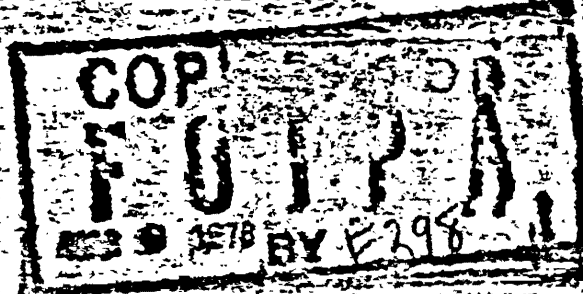
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69	10/22/52	HQ TO NY - LETTER	1	1	
70	10/15/52	LETTER: BBANIGAN TO BELMONT	2	2	
71	11/17/52	LETTER NH TO DIR	1	1	
72 INC	1/16/53	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
72 OUT	2/3/53	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
73	2/25/53	W/1 COPY AIRTEL NY TO HQ	2	2	1(N.C.)
NR	3/9/53	LETTER HQ TO WFO	1	1	
NR	2/5/53	LETTER NY TO HQ	2	2	
74	3/16/53	W/1 COPY W/ENCL. LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	13	13	4(N.C.)
75	4/10/53	LETTER RICH TO HQ	1	1	
76	4/10/53	W/1 COPY LETTER NY TO HQ	4	4	2(N.C.)
77 inc	5/1/53	LETTER N.O TO HQ	1	1	

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9/8/48

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

(b)(7)(D) The following information was furnished by New Haven informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau and is comment made by RUTH ERICKSON, a long-time Communist in the New Milford area who is herself the subject of New Haven file 100-11405.

There was initially casual comment concerning Miss BENTLEY and then ERICKSON said [redacted]

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Concerning the \$2,000 Miss BENTLEY has testified she received, [redacted]

ERICKSON also stated that [redacted]

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation;  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:--

I am enclosing herewith a letter to Miss Elizabeth T. Bentley whose address and whereabouts is unknown to me but is probably well known to you.

Since I assume that the F. B. I. is taking every precaution to protect Miss Bentley from the possible vengeance of the 'Reds', you would hardly forward any mail to her without careful investigation. I am therefore leaving her letter open for your full scrutiny before forwarding it. I don't know much about 'boobytraps' but suppose it might be possible to conceal one in a fairly fat letter

Sincerely

*Arthur Bailey*  
Arthur Bailey,  
Monroe, Wash.

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Mr. Arthur Bailey  
Monroe, Washington

Dear Mr. Bailey:

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Your letter of October 12, 1948, enclosing a letter to Miss Elizabeth T. Bentley has been received.

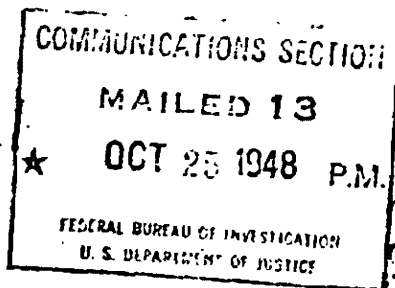
A long-standing policy precludes me from complying with your request and I am therefore returning the enclosure to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

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Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
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Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy



TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: October 29, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

ASAC Belmont of the New York Office called me this morning to advise that Special Agent Joseph Kelly, who has been contacting Elizabeth Bentley in the past, received a telephone call from her at seven o'clock this morning. She was calling from the Pennsylvania Station. She stated that she had been taking instruction in the Catholic Church for a period of some time from Msgr. Sheen. She states that Msgr. Sheen mentioned to her that Emanuel Signund Larsen, who you will recall was a subject in the Jaffe Case, has been in touch with Msgr. Sheen to see about studying Catholicism and making a full statement.

Msgr. Sheen advised Elizabeth Bentley that in the past he had had a very good unofficial contact with the Bureau whereby he could obtain information to help him judge his future actions inasmuch as he was not desirous of assisting someone in joining the church whose background would indicate they were not sincere. Msgr. Sheen further indicated to Elizabeth Bentley that those contacts which he formerly had with the Bureau had either been transferred or had left Washington and that he could not get such information now.

Elizabeth Bentley stated that she told Msgr. Sheen that she had been dealing with two Agents from the New York Office over a period of the past couple of years who appeared to be very fine men. She asked if she should pass this information on from Msgr. Sheen to Agent Joe Kelly and he asked her to do so and to have her tell Agent Kelly that he would like to establish contact with someone in the Bureau well versed in Communism, preferably a Catholic, inasmuch as he could talk more freely with a Catholic.

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I suggest no action.  
Kelly was told to  
do nothing 10/29

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Msgr. Sheen wants  
contacted the Bureau he  
knows how. We have  
always had pleasant  
relations with him.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *ML*

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *1/1*

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
(ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY)

DATE: November 4, 1948

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

ASAC Belmont of the New York Office called at 4:00 P.M. today and advised that this informant, who has been taking instructions from Monsignor Sheen preparatory to her conversion to Catholicism, is scheduled to come to Washington today for the purpose of being Baptized by Monsignor Sheen. Mr. Belmont stated that Mr. and Mrs. Louis Budenz are to be the informant's sponsors in this ceremony.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

GREGORY, ESP-R. SEVERAL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ARE CARRYING STORIES IN THEIR EDITIONS OF LAST NIGHT AND THIS AM THAT ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY IS MISSING AND THAT USM HERE UNABLE TO DATE TO LOCATE HER TO MAKE SERVICE OF PROCESS IN SLANDER AND LIBEL ACTION BROUGHT BY W. W. REMINGTON. IN AFFIDAVIT FILED IN USDC, SDNY, NOVEMBER TWELVTH LAST, RICHARD G. GREEN, NYC ATTORNEY FOR REMINGTON, RECITED INABILITY OF USM TO MAKE SERVICE AND GREEN RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM CLERK OF USDC TO SERVE HER HIMSELF. ATTACHED TO GREEN AFFIDAVIT WAS AFFIDAVIT BY JOSEPH L. RAUH, JR., WASHINGTON ATTORNEY FOR REMINGTON, THAT WILLIAM P. ROGERS AND ROBERT E. STRIPLING PROFESSED IGNORANCE OF WHEREABOUTS OF BENTLEY. LATTER COMMUNICATED WITH THIS OFFICE THIS AM RE ABOVE PUBLICITY AND ADVISED SHE IS CONSULTING HER ATTORNEY RE MATTER. NO INQUIRIES RE WHEREABOUTS OF BENTLEY RECEIVED THIS OFFICE.

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cc: Mr. Jones

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DIRECTOR FBI URGENT

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, INFO CONCERNING. FOR THE BUREAU'S INFO, PAUL CULLINAN, BRIDGEPORT, CONN., ADVISED THIS OFFICE TODAY THAT ROBERT JUDGE, ALSO AN EX AGENT, CONTACTED HIM ON DECEMBER FIFTEENTH LAST AND ADVISED THAT HE IS CONDUCTING PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS, AND AT THE PRESENT TIME IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION FOR WILLIAM DONOVAN, FORMER CHIEF OF THE OSS, WHO IS REPRESENTING WILLIAM REMINGTON OF STAMFORD, CONN. ACCORDING TO JUDGE, DONOVAN IS OF THE OPINION BENTLEY IS WRONG IN THE TESTIMONY SHE GAVE AGAINST REMINGTON AND IS TRYING TO BREAK DOWN HER TESTIMONY IN THIS CONNECTION. A FRIEND OF JUDGE, NAME UNKNOWN, ADVISED THAT SHE SAW AN ACCOUNT IN THE BRIDGEPORT POST IN SEPT. OR OCT. FORTYEIGHT TO THE EFFECT THAT ELIZABETH BENTLEY RECEIVED TREATMENT AT THE INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RELATIONS, YALE UNIVERSITY. A NURSE, WHOSE NAME IS UNKNOWN AND WHO IS ALSO A FRIEND OF JUDGE, CONTACTED DR. FREDERICK C. REDLICH, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, YALE UNIVERSITY, IN AN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IF BENTLEY HAD RECEIVED TREATMENT THERE. REDLICH WAS NON COMMITTAL AND STATED ALL INFO WAS CONFIDENTIAL. EX AGENT CULLINAN INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER THIS OFFICE HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH TREATMENT BEING AFFORDED BENTLEY AND NO INFO WAS GIVEN TO HIM IN THIS CONNECTION. THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE THIS OFFICE IF ANY ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN.

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ORIGINAL--DIRECTOR

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 12-20-48

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 9:25 a.m. today, I phoned SAC Gleason, New Haven, with reference to New Haven teletype of December 16, 1948, and instructed that he determine whether Bentley had ever been associated with the Institute of Human Relations at Yale University. H. B. Fisher, [REDACTED] is associated with the Institute of Human Relations and is in an excellent position to secure the information desired by the Bureau on a confidential basis. Mr. Gleason stated that Mr. Fisher had been ill but he would contact him to see if he could give any information pertaining to this matter.

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ELIZABETH BENTLEY, INFORMATION CONCERNING. ATTENTION INSPECTOR  
H. B. FLETCHER. MR. H. B. FISHER, LIAISON OFFICER, YALE UNIVERSITY  
ADVISED TODAY THAT INQUIRY AT INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RELATIONS, YALE,  
REFLECTS THAT SAID INSTITUTION HAS NO RECORD OF BENTLEY AS HAVING  
BEEN OR BEING PRESENTLY ADMITTED TO UOQUOTE IN- PATIENT UNQUOTE  
CLINIC. NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN THIS MATTER. SUGGESTED THAT  
BUREAU MAY DESIRE NEW HAVEN OFFICE DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN AT INSTITUTE  
OF LIVING, HARTFORD IF BENTLEY WAS EVER PATIENT THERE. NO ACTION ON  
THIS SUGGESTION PENDING BUREAU SUGGESTIONS. RUC.

GLEASON

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DIRECTOR URGENT

GREGORY, ESP R. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SA J. M. KELLY THIS EVENING THAT SENATOR HOMER FERGUSON HAS ATTEMPTED SEVERAL TIMES THIS WEEK, TO REACH HER TELEPHONICALLY BUT THAT SHE HAS REFUSED TO TAKE THE CALLS. FURTHER, TODAY FERGUSON INFORMED HER ATTORNEY IN NYC, WHO WAS HANDLING THE REMINGTON LIBEL ACTION FOR HER, THAT UNLESS SHE APPEARS BEFORE LOYALTY REVIEW BOARD ON JAN. TWENTY EIGHTH NEXT, HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT LOYALTY REVIEW BOARD WILL PERMIT REMINGTON TO REMAIN IN US GOVT. EMPLOYMENT. FERGUSON ALSO INFORMED ATTORNEY THAT BENTLEYS REFUSAL TO APPEAR WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY REACT MOST UNFAVORABLY AGAINST HER IN CONNECTION WITH THE LIBEL SUIT AND WOULD REFLECT SERIOUSLY UPON CREDIBILITY OF ALL HER TESTIMONY IN OTHER MATTERS. SHE REQUESTED AGENT TO ADVISE WHAT PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW AND WAS, OF COURSE, INFORMED IT WAS ENTIRELY HER DECISION TO MAKE.

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CC Mr. Tolson & Mr. Egan



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Birmingham  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: March 18, 1949

*Begony Case*

*DRJ*

I am enclosing herewith an article taken from the Huntsville, Alabama, Times, issue of March 11, 1949, concerning an appearance of Elizabeth Bentley before the American Legion at Huntsville.

Special Agent GLENN H. HEARN advises that this newspaper article, according to several prominent citizens in Huntsville, who attended the talk, reflects a true summary of her talk. Mr. WALTER EIGENBROD, an attorney at Huntsville, who is a close friend of Agent Hearn and is a well regarded attorney there, informed Agent Hearn that Miss Bentley made a statement that she was sponsored by the American Legion Headquarters and endorsed by the FBI, this statement allegedly being made by her at the beginning of her talk.

Agent Hearn discreetly contacted Mr. JAMES R. RECORD, Adjutant, American Legion Post No. 37, Huntsville; Mr. JEAN A. BATTLE, Moderator, a brother of Representative Laurie Battle of Alabama; BOB AXELSON, member of American Legion Post No. 37 and reporter for the Huntsville Times; and ROY BLAIR, Tax Assessor of Madison County; and all of these individuals advised him that Miss Bentley made no such statement regarding an endorsement by the FBI, but that she was most complimentary of the Bureau.

Mr. EIGENBROD was informed by Agent Hearn that we did not endorse such programs; however, Mr. Eigenbrod stated at that time that it was his desire to write a letter to Mr. Hoover to inform Mr. Hoover of Miss Bentley's actions.

The above information is being furnished to you in the event Mr. Eigenbrod should address a communication to the Bureau.

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THE HUNTSVILLE TIMES  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA  
MARCH 11, 1949  
(Front page)

## Learn About Reds, Ex-Spy Declares,

### Religious, Democratic Campaign Is Stressed By Elizabeth Bentley

The American people must learn what communism is basically and how its program is presented, Miss Elizabeth Bentley, self-confessed Red spy, told county residents in a talk sponsored by the American Legion at the Circuit courtroom last night.

She urged a positive campaign based on building up beliefs in religion and stressing the aspects of democracy as counter-measures to Communistic propaganda.

Deriding the notion that most Communists are seedy-looking wild-eyed radicals who carry bombs tucked in each pocket, Miss Bentley said such a pattern is not followed in the U. S. today.

"Communists here are an even more deadly type. They are men and women of the highest integrity who are born and reared here. They receive no money and are not adventurers."

She said that her motivation for entering the party was based on a hatred of fascism as practised in Italy where she lived for a year under Mussolini. Most people who first enter the movement are idealistic and think they are working for a world movement to benefit humanity, she said.

The Vassar and Columbia university graduate pointed out that the U. S. Communist party is the biggest agency recruiting spies and courier agents. She entered the movement in the Fall of 1934 after meeting a Communist who agreed with her anti-Fascist views.

Miss Bentley stated she joined the Communist front organization using the name of her ancestor who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. According to her, she became molded into the Communistic pattern of thought by excessive demands with party functions and required reading of Red papers and magazines.

"I had no time to know anyone outside the party and the discipline gradually tightened. In 1938 I went underground, used a single contact and the secrecy was intensified."

Miss Bentley said she was re-

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quired to submit a complete dossier on her family and friends which was thoroughly checked by Russian enemy agents. In addition, she received expert training on the various methods of sabotage, removing secret documents and avoiding detection.

The self-confessed spy said that she aided Earl Browder, former U. S. Communist party head, and others in setting up elaborate spy rings in Washington offices including the Pentagon and Office of Strategic Services.

Infiltration was possible into every high level and super-secret government agency with the exception of the Federal Bureau of

Investigation, she stated. Acting as secret courier, Miss Bentley said that she forwarded all information to places where it could be copied and taught other Red workers on how to obtain it.

Her awakening came in August, 1945, she said, after she learned that Browder received orders directed from Moscow and secret police told her she was one of the Russian agents.

"The impact of what I was doing struck home after they attempted to award me the Order of the Red Star, which is one of the highest decorations offered by the Soviet government."

Accordingly in August, 1945 after a two-week vacation, she went to the FBI and revealed the information she knew. She worked as a counter-agent for two years. In 1948 she was summoned to Washington to appear before two Congressional committees as a witness in the Red spy case hearings.

Miss Bentley was introduced by James A. Lane, national vice-commander of the American Legion. Gene Battle, committee chairman, acted as moderator. A short talk was given by Roy L. Stone, chairman of the Board of County Com-

## ELIZABETH BENTLEY INFORMATION CONCERNING

missioners and Frederic H. Heidelberg, Post 37 chaplain, gave the invocation.

An open forum followed the Red spy's talk and a number of questions were asked by the audience on some of the various phases of communism.

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ENCLOSURE

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	

GREGORY ESP. R. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY HAS DIRECTED LETTER TO THIS  
OFFICE ADVISING THAT IN CONNECTION WITH LIBEL SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST  
HER BY WILLIAM REMINGTON, A PRE-TRIAL EXAMINATION OF HER IS TO BE  
HELD VERY SHORTLY. FURTHER, THAT SHE DESIRES TO LOOK OVER THE  
SIGNED STATEMENT SHE FURNISHED TO AGENTS SPENCER AND KELLY ON NOV.  
THIRTY NINETEEN FORTYFIVE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT INFO  
SHE GAVE THEREIN CONCERNING REMINGTON. PLEASE ADVISE EXPEDITIOUSLY  
HOW BENTLEY-S REQUEST SHOULD BE HANDLED. IT IS POINTED OUT SHE  
CONTINUES TO BE VERY FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE AND IS CONTACTED  
FREQUENTLY ON LOYALTY AND OTHER SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS.

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*I believe we should  
let her see it.*  
*Mr. F. J. [unclear]*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 11 1949

TELETYPE

Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR URGENT

GREGORY, ESP-R. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY ADVISES THAT SHE HAS BEEN  
SUBPOENAED TO APPEAR WASHINGTON MAY THIRTEEN NEXT TO TESTIFY BEFORE  
A SUB-COMMITTEE OF SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED OR PENDING  
LEGISLATION TO CURB IMMIGRATION AND THEREFORE TIGHTEN UP INTERNAL  
SECURITY OF UNITED STATES.

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Advise Lord.  
F. A. J. J.

cc. Mr. F. J. Jones  
F. J. Jones

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The Attorney General  
Attention: Mr. Peyton Ford  
May 12, 1949  
The Assistant to the Attorney General

Director, FBI

THE GREGORY CASE

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You will recall that Elizabeth Terrill Bentley was the informant of this Bureau in the Gregory Case. You will further recall that Miss Bentley testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities during the summer of 1948.

I have been reliably informed that Miss Bentley has been subpoenaed to appear in Washington, D. C. on May 13, 1949, to testify before a sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee on proposed or pending legislation to curb immigration.

The above is being made available to you for your information.

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ON 2/23/78

FLJ:EHV

PRIVATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF Charles  
DATE 2/24/78 ADP/ERS

SENT FROM D. O.  
TIME 2:10 PM  
DATE 5-13-49  
BY [Signature]

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 21, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Please be advised that on May 16, 1949, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY called at the New York Office and, in accordance with prior Bureau authorization, she was permitted to look over that portion of her signed statement dated November 30, 1945, which concerns WILLIAM W. REMINGTON.

She was accompanied by Attorney JOSEPH A. EGAN, who is associated with the law office of GODFREY P. SCHMIDT, 51 Chambers Street, New York City, who is presently acting as MISS BENTLEY'S attorney in the libel action brought against her by REMINGTON.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**New York, N. Y.**

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

August 17, 1949

Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Director, FBI

Re: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY, the informant in instant case, telephonically contacted the New York Office on August 16, 1949. She advised that some time between September 8 and 12, 1949, she will proceed to Chicago to take up a teaching post at Mundelein College in that city. Miss BENTLEY plans on her arrival in Chicago to reside at the home of Mrs. LANNERS, 1533 Highland Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois, telephone Sheldrake 3-7537.

Miss BENTLEY was given the address and telephone number of the Chicago Office. In the event it becomes necessary for the Chicago Office to interview Miss BENTLEY after her arrival there, it is suggested that she first be contacted at her home rather than at the college. After Miss BENTLEY gets settled it may be possible that she will be in a position where an interview can be had with her at the college if the urgency of the matter requires it.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*

EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
SAC

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ON

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cc - Chicago

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
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SLIP(S) OF *declass*  
DATE 2/24/78 *RI/ERT*

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI      ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~      DATE: February 21, 1950

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
FORMER CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL  
DEFENSE INFORMANT "GREGORY"

Miss ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, Instructor in Political Science at Mundelein College, 1020 West Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, has advised that she contemplates returning permanently to New York City, New York. She has submitted her resignation to Mundelein College and expects to be released from her employment with the college in time to arrive in New York City not later than March 1, 1950. Miss BENTLEY will contact the New York Office upon her arrival there.

The following temporary address will be used by Miss BENTLEY in New York City: ~~ELIZABETH TURRILL~~, 82 MacDougall, New York City, New York, telephone number SPring 7-1363. Miss TURRILL is a sister of Miss BENTLEY's mother but spells her name differently than the rest of the family.

It is suggested that the New York Office defer any new leads for interview of Miss BENTLEY until she arrives in New York City. Leads already set out will be handled by the Chicago Office up to the time of her departure.

WRP:nrc  
66-2554  
cc: New York

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ON 2/23/78

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Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Tele. Room	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 1  
DIRECTOR - URGENT

28 4-15P

Handwritten notes: "Hennrich", "W. J. ...", "Bert", "ASB"

GREGORY, ESP R. ELIZABETH BENTLEY TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT SHE HAD BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH HER ATTORNEY, WHO HAD INFORMED HER THAT THE LIBEL SUIT INSTIGATED AGAINST HER BY WILLIAM REMINGTON HAD BEEN SETTLED OUT OF COURT. SHE INDICATED THAT COUDERT BROS. /MY ATTORNEYS/ ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY AND GENERAL MOODS HAD SETTLED THIS CASE WITH REMINGTONS ATTORNEY. BENTLEY STATED THAT IN DECEMBER LAST SOME NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN ~~MADE~~ MADE IN AN EFFORT TO SETTLE THIS SUIT FOR ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. ALTHOUGH HER ATTORNEY DID NOT INFORM HER OF THE EXACT AMOUNT OF THE SETTLEMENT MADE BETWEEN COUDERT BROS. AND REMINGTONS ATTORNEY, SHE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE AMOUNT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SAME AS THAT WHICH WAS SETTLED UPON IN DECEMBER.

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cc Hennrich

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO THE DIRECTOR  
 FROM D. M. Ladd  
 SUBJECT

DATE: February 28, 1950

Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Egan  
 Mr. Gurnea  
 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Mohr  
 Mr. Pennington  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm  
 Tele. Room  
 Mr. Nease  
 Miss Holmes  
 Miss Gandy

ASAC Whalen of the New York Office advised this afternoon that Miss Elizabeth Bentley had just informed the New York Office that her attorney had advised her that the libel suit filed against her by Walter Remington was being settled out of court by NBC for five thousand dollars.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York  
SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 7, 1950

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY advised this office today that she plans to leave New York City April 9, 1950 for Biloxi, Mississippi via Eastern Airlines flight 503.

While in Biloxi she can be reached c/o Mrs. MARK WOODS, 111 Benachi Avenue. The purpose of this trip is to visit some people Miss BENTLEY met while she was on a speaking engagement in Biloxi and plans to remain there from two weeks to a month after which she plans to return to New York City.

This information is being brought to the attention of the Bureau and the New Orleans Office in order that Miss BENTLEY'S whereabouts will be known in the event it becomes necessary to interview her during her absence from New York City.

cc: New Orleans

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 10, 1950

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Reference is made to information supplied to the Bureau and the New Orleans Office to the effect that ELIZABETH BENTLEY indicated she would leave New York City, on April 9th, enroute to Biloxi, Mississippi for a two week to one month stay. Miss BENTLEY advised today that she has temporarily cancelled her plans to go to Biloxi but indicated that in the event she does decide to leave, she will inform this office.

cc New Orleans

TGS:KMB  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 3, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

On May 1, 1950, ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised this office that apparently Mundelein College had released a story to the Chicago papers indicating that she had left the college and apparently was taking up residence in Washington, D. C., or intended to appear as a witness in Washington, D. C. She related that she had not seen a copy of the news release but was informed of this by a reporter for the New York "Daily News," who indicated he received the information from a UP release. She related that she told this reporter that she left the college because the climate did not agree with her; that she had no intention whatsoever of residing in Washington; and so far had not appeared as a witness in any litigation in Washington, D. C.

MISS BENTLEY also stated that when she left Mundelein, she gave her forwarding address as that of her aunt, MARIAN TURRILL, 82 MacDougal Street, New York City. She also related that on May 1st a reporter for the Chicago "Sun-Times" had inquired of her aunt, in New York City, the reason for MISS BENTLEY'S leaving the college and whether or not she was living in Washington, D. C. MISS BENTLEY advised that her aunt did not give this reporter any information.

MISS BENTLEY informed that she has no desire whatsoever to talk to any newspaper reporters in connection with the reason for leaving Mundelein College and related that if any reporters are successful in reaching her she does not intend to give them any story in this connection.

This matter is being brought to the attention of the Bureau as a matter of information concerning the activities of MISS BENTLEY.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: June 13, 1950

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Paul Scott in the office of Bob Allen called to inquire whether Elizabeth Bentley was on the FBI payroll. I told him she was not.

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Allen ✓

Belmont  
Harbo  
Meyer

For whom is she now working?  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: June 15, 1950

FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY *EL*

Tolson ☒  
Ladd ☐  
Clegg ☐  
Glavin ☐  
Harbo ☒  
Rosen ☐  
Tracy ☐  
Harbo ☐  
Mohr ☐  
Tele. Room ☐  
Nease ☐  
Gandy ☐

PURPOSE:

To advise that Elizabeth Bentley is presently unemployed and is writing a book.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Paul Scott in the office of Bob Allen called Mr. Nichols on June 13, 1950, to inquire whether Elizabeth Bentley was on the FBI payroll. Mr. Allen was informed that she was not. You inquired "For whom is she now working?"

The New York office advised at 1:10 p.m. today that Bentley is presently unemployed. She is writing a book and is making plans to go to Westport, Connecticut, where she will remain for the next four months completing the manuscript.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*  
FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: June 15, 1950

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I talked with ASAC Whelan of New York at 1:10 P.M. today regarding Bentley and he informed me that Bentley is presently unemployed. She is writing a book and is making plans to go to Westport, Connecticut, where she will remain for the next four months completing the manuscript.

*Present  
ASB*

ACTION:

None. For your information.

*Off. Sec. 1  
ASB  
6-15-50*

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York  
SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 23, 1950

On 6/16/50 ELIZABETH <sup>①</sup>BENTLEY was interviewed in the New York Office in connection with various matters arising out of loyalty and other cases.

She related that she has a contract to do a book for Devin Adair Publications, 23 East 26th Street, New York City and at the suggesting of her publisher, is leaving the City on June 19, 1950 and plans to return to New York about October 15, 1950.

Her address during this period will be:

GEORGE and MARGARET ~~PANCOAST~~  
Proud Trees  
South Compo Road  
Westport, Connecticut

The telephone number is Westport 2-3550. She related that in view of the publicity she has received she is making every effort to keep her whereabouts unknown. She suggested that she not be contacted by telephone unless some emergency arose. She was informed this request would be complied with.

An arrangement has been perfected for corresponding with Miss BENTLEY. An envelope containing any communication will be addressed to her personal attention and will be placed inside an envelope addressed to the Pancoast family.

As the Bureau knows Miss BENTLEY has been contacted periodically by New York Agents in connection with various matters that arise out of loyalty and other investigations. It has been noted since Miss BENTLEY'S return to New York the bulk of the material about which she is asked originates in this Office. In view of this and the need for her services in the WILLIAM WALTER

cc-Washington Field  
cc-New Haven

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<sup>10</sup>  
REMINGAN perjury case, it is believed that it would be more practical to have these matters handled by agents of this office. Westport Conn. is about an hour and a half from New York by automobile. Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, future contacts with Miss BENTLEY will be handled by this office.

Director, FBI

June 23, 1950

SAC, New York

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ESPIONAGE - R

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7-31-50

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

51700

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE (R)

ELIZABETH BENTLEY

For the information of the Bureau and the New York Office, there is being transmitted herewith one photostatic copy of a picture and article which appeared in the 7-23-50 issue of the Bridgeport Sunday Herald, published at Bridgeport, Conn., concerning ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

Encl.

JFS:NK

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cc: New York (encl.)

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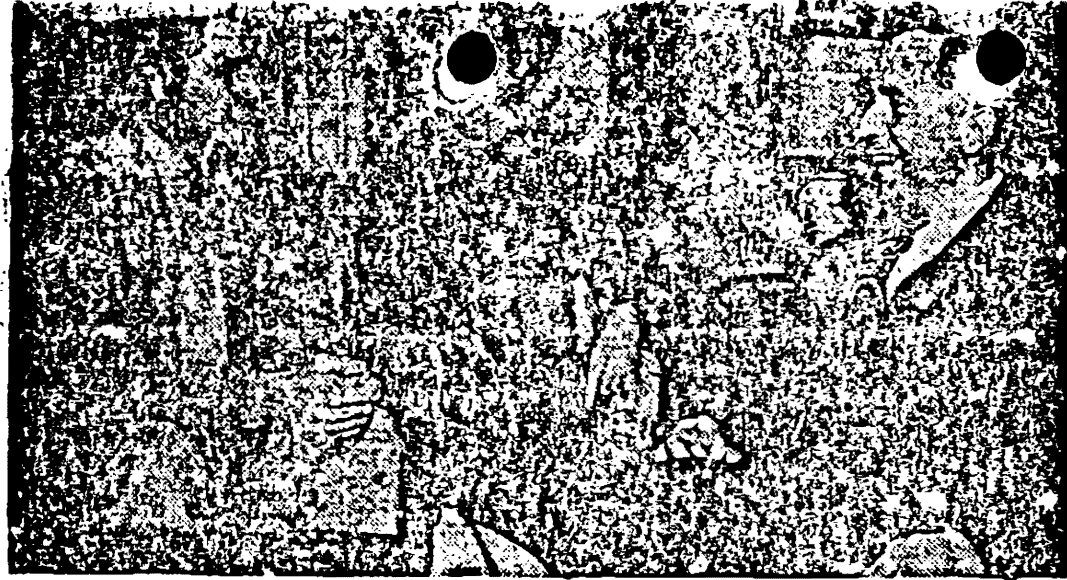
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Enclosure

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ELIZABETH BENTLEY comes to town with the news that she is writing the story of her life. At left, Lt. Col. Malcolm Eckhardt of Shelton and at right, her editor, Westport's Capt. Thomas O. Sloane, 3rd.

A MODERN MATA HARI

# Liz Bentley Does Story Of Her Life with Reds

Elizabeth Bentley was in a giggly mood while she handed her cream to a Herald reporter.

Finishing dinner at the University Club with the 9316th Volunteer Reserve Training Squadron she was to speak later at the University of Bridgeport with

some inside tips on Communism which she learned while a spy for that party.

WESTPORTER PUBLISHER

Miss Bentley, now thoroughly re-conditioned as a loyal American, is writing the story of her life.

Title and place are secret. The publisher is Westport's Capt. Thomas O. Sloane 3rd, editor with the Levin-Adair Company which he said also published John T. Flynn's "The Road Ahead."

Miss Bentley should have a knockout story, having shocked the nation two years ago as its first confessed Mata Hari, with a Vassar degree at that.

Her daily testimony before the Un-American Activities Committee was a saga that officially ended only last March. William W. Remington, since cleared by the government's top loyalty review board, sued her for \$100,000 libel. Miss Bentley settled with him out of court.

FAMILY IN MILFORD

Add facts unknown till now: Miss Bentley said her family's name is inscribed on rocks at Milford.

They were the Turrills who later moved to New Milford.

In the latter town she was the only child of the newspaper publisher who later sold out to the Worley family.

Oddly enough, the Worleys have married into the Turrill family, Miss Bentley related.

She has not been back to New Milford, where these two connections were made during the Washington uproar:

Her aunt, Mrs. Edith Ferriss Turrill, said: "I think Elizabeth was in love with John Gold and he lured her into it"—E. H.

Date 7-27-50 Submitted by New Haven Office

Sunday Herald X Post

Bpt. Telegram Danbury News-Times

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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*Stanley*  
*Boeing*

FBI NEW HAVEN      9-21-50      3-27 PM  
 DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK      DEFERRED  
 RE GREGORY ES<sup>d</sup> DASH R, RE CONTACTS WITH ELIZABETH BENTLEY. BUREAU RE-  
 QUESTED SEE NY LETTER CAPTIONED SAME THIS TEL JUNE TWENTYTHREE FIFTY,  
 IN WHICH ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTACTING BENTLEY BY NY OFFICE SET FORTH.

IN VIEW OF THIS, BELIEVED DESIRABLE THAT NY MAKE CONTACT WITH HER RATHER  
 THAN NH. FURTHER, IT APPEARS BENTLEY PROCEEDING NY ABOUT OCTOBER  
 FIRST. THUS IT IS SUGGESTED ANY LEADS TO CONTACT BENTLEY BE DIRECTED  
 TO NY RATHER THAN NH.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY;  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: October 9, 1950

On September 28, 1950, Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY telephonically communicated with this office from her summer residence in Westport, Connecticut, and advised that she would be leaving there in a day or two to return to New York City for the winter.

On October 3, 1950, Miss BENTLEY was interviewed at her present residence, the Hotel Commodore, New York City, and she advised that she had returned to New York for permanent residence and she expected to remain at the Commodore Hotel for a few days, after which she would move to the Shelton Hotel.

cc: New Haven  
Washington Field

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TGS:DRS  
65-14603

OCT 17 1950

MR. BELMONT

October 10, 1950

D. M. Ladd

Mr. T. Donegan called from New York today and advised that the foreman of the former Grand Jury, Mr. Brunini, had contacted him and stated that he has been helping Elizabeth Bentley on her book; that he has, however, taken no money. He stated that Bentley did not want Brunini to tell Mr. Donegan about this help, and she claimed to have told the New York Office about it.

It is desired that this matter be checked with New York to see if they have been furnished this information and the details be submitted in a memorandum for the Director.

DML:CSH

ADDENDUM: October 16, 1950

I called ASAC Whelan of New York at 5:10 P.M. to determine whether they had received any information concerning the above. Mr. Whelan stated that Mr. Donegan called him this afternoon around 4:00 P.M., after he had talked to Mr. Ladd and stated that Mr. Brunini had told him, Donegan, today that he had been collaborating with Bentley on her book and that she had indicated to Brunini that the publisher and she were interested in seeing that he would get such fees as were due him. According to Mr. Donegan, Brunini asked him for advice as to whether he should accept any fee for work on this matter. Mr. Donegan stated that he told Brunini that under no circumstances should he do this - that this would be very important so far as defense attorneys were concerned in both the Brothman and Remington cases when Bentley testified.

Mr. Whelan advised that he is checking with the Special Agents who handle Bentley and after he has had a chance to talk to them, a detailed teletype will be submitted by the New York Office.

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ATTN. MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

GREGORY, ESP-R. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM INSPECTOR L. L. LAUGHLIN  
TO ASAC W. M. WHELAN IN THE MATTER OF SAAG T. J. DONEGAN-S CALL TO  
ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR D. M. LADD ABOUT BRUNINI-S COLLABORATION  
WITH BENTLEY ON HER NEW BOOK. SAAG DONEGAN ADVISED ASAC WHELAN  
THAT HE HAD CALLED THE BUREAU AND REPORTED THAT BRUNINI HAD ADVISED  
HIM TODAY THAT HE ~~BRUNINI~~ HAD BEEN COLLABORATING WITH MISS BENTLEY  
IN THE WRITING OF HER NEW BOOK AND THAT MISS BENTLEY AND THE PUBLISHER  
OF THE BOOK WERE RECOMMENDING THAT BRUNINI RECEIVE THE REGULAR  
PUBLISHER-S FEE TO WHICH A COLLABORATOR IS ENTITLED. BRUNINI FURTHER  
ADVISED MR. DONEGAN THAT HE ASSISTED MISS BENTLEY IN MAKING ARRANGE-  
MENTS WITH THIS PARTICULAR PUBLISHER TO PUBLISH THE BOOK. HE FURTHER  
STATED TO MR. DONEGAN THAT BENTLEY HAD ADVISED HIM SHE HAD DISCUSSED  
WITH THE FBI WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS OKAY FOR BRUNINI TO COLLABORATE  
WITH HER AND FOR HIM TO RECEIVE FEES AS A RESULT THEREOF AND THE  
FBI HAD ADVISED HER IT WAS OKAY. BRUNINI FURTHER STATED TO MR.  
DONEGAN THAT BENTLEY SAID SHE WOULD PREFER THAT HE, BRUNINI, NOT  
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DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH SAAG T. J. DONEGAN. MR. DONEGAN ADVISED THAT BRUNINI CONTACTED HIM TODAY SEEKING LEGAL ADVISE AS TO THE PROPRIETY OF HIS RECEIVING SUCH FEES, BUT HE ASSURED DONEGAN THAT HE, BRUNINI, HAD NO CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH EITHER MISS BENTLEY OR THE PUBLISHER. SAS T. G. SPENCER AND J. J. DANAHY INTERVIEWED BENTLEY ON OCT. TWELVE LAST IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF PENDING INVESTIGATIONS ON REMINGTON AND BROTHMAN. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW, MISS BENTLEY WAS ASKED WHETHER OR NOT HER BOOK HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND SHE RELATED SHE HAD ABOUT TEN OR FIFTEEN MORE PAGES TO WRITE AND THAT SHE WOULD FURNISH THIS OFFICE WITH A COPY AS SOON AS THE PUBLISHER HAD RECEIVED THE ENTIRE STORY. AT THAT TIME SHE STATED IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE THE BOOK READ FOR GRAMMATICAL SETUP AND FOR ANY LIBELOUS STATEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE CONTAINED THEREIN AND STATED THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROOFREADING OF THE BOOK, THIS JOB WAS GOING TO BE DONE BY BRUNINI. SHE RELATED TO AGENTS THAT BRUNINI WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT ACCEPTING THE JOB OF

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PROOFREADING THE BOOK IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HE HAD BEEN THE FOREMAN OF THE GJ BEFORE WHICH MISS BENTLEY TESTIFIED AND WHICH GRAND JURY INDICTED REMINGTON. SHE SOUGHT AGENTS ADVISE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT BRUNINI COULD DO THIS WITH PROPRIETY AND AS USUAL WHENEVER MISS BENTLEY HAS SOUGHT ADVISE FROM AGENTS, SHE WAS GIVEN NONE. MISS BENTLEY DID NOT INDICATE THEN OR AT ANY PREVIOUS TIME THAT SHE HAD BEEN COLLABORATING WITH ANYONE IN THE WRITING OF THIS BOOK. THIS PARTICULAR FACT WAS NOT REPORTED TO THE BUREAU IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT BRUNINI IS KNOWN BY THE AGENTS WHO INTERVIEWED MISS BENTLEY TO BE AN OFFICER IN THE CATHOLIC POETRY SOCIETY AND, IT WOULD, THEREFORE, APPEAR THAT HE WAS BEING UTILIZED NOT FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE GAINED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, BUT FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY IN REVIEWING BOOKS AND GAINED BY WORKING IN THE LITERARY FIELD. THE AGENTS REPORT THAT, ON THIS INTERVIEW, BENTLEY DID NOT MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT FEES TO BE RECEIVED BY BRUNINI.

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October 17, 1950

SAC, New York

Director, FBI

GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

134-435-28  
Reurtele October 16, 1950, wherein you report information concerning a contact between Elizabeth T. Bentley and agents of your office on October 12, last.

Obviously information furnished by Bentley concerning her association with Brunini should have been reported to the Bureau immediately. It should have been apparent that this association between Bentley and Brunini, the Foreman of the Grand Jury before which Bentley testified and which indicted William Walter Kemington, was one which would most certainly react adversely if the information became known to the general public. Agents of the New York Office are correct in not furnishing advice to Bentley or to anyone else who requests such as was indicated in your referenced teletype.

You are requested to call this matter to the personal attention of the agents who handled Bentley and you should be particularly alert that matters such as this are promptly reported to the Bureau in the future.

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TT..... INSPECTOR CARL HENNRICH

E GREGORY, ESP - R. RE TEL CALL BETWEEN ASAC WHELAN AND INSPECTOR  
HENNRICH, OCT. TWENTY SIX, NINETEEN FIFTY. ELIZABETH BENTLEY,

FOLLOWING A CONFERENCE ON OCT. TWENTY FIVE, FIFTY WITH SAAG DONEGAN  
AND USA SAYPOL IN WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS SHE REQUESTED PERMISSION  
TO MAKE PUBLIC APPEARANCES PRIOR TO THE TRIALS OF THE REMINGTON AND  
BROTHMAN CASES AND IN WHICH SHE WAS ADVISED BY DONEGAN AND SAYPOL  
TO CLEAR WITH THEM PRIOR TO ACCEPTING ANY SPEECHES, CONTACTED  
THE NYO AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFO. BENTLEY STATED THAT  
ON OCT. FIFTEEN, FIFTY SHE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MISS DORIS  
STEVENS WHO IS ALSO KNOWN AS MRS. JONATHAN MITCHELL. MISS STEVENS  
IS A PROMINENT FEMINIST CLUB WOMAN AND WRITER. BENTLEY TOLD MISS  
STEVENS ABOUT BENTLEY-S CONNECTION WITH ABRAHAM BROTHMAN. ACCORDING  
TO BENTLEY, SHE TOLD THIS STORY IN GENERAL TERMS BUT DID STATE  
THE MANNER IN WHICH SHE HAD MET BROTHMAN AND THE TYPE OF WORK BROTH-  
MAN WAS DOING ON AN ESPIONAGE LEVEL. BENTLEY STATED SHE FELT THAT  
SHE MADE A RATHER GRAVE MISTAKE IN MAKING THIS INFO AVAILABLE FOR  
THE FOLLOWING REASONS... MISS STEVENS HAS RECENTLY REPRESENTED  
REBECCA WEST, A WELL KNOWN BRITISH NOVELIST WHO IS GATHERING

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INFO ON AMERICAN ESPIONAGE CASES FOR THE INCLUSION IN A REVISED EDITION OF A RECENT BOOK PUBLISHED BY REBECCA WEST CONCERNING TRAITORS IN ENGLAND. BENTLEY EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT MISS STEVENS MIGHT RELAY THIS INFO TO REBECCA WEST AND IT MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN REBECCA WEST-S REVISED BOOK PRIOR TO THE TRIAL OF THE BROTHMAN CASE. FOR THE INFO OF THE BUREAU, MISS STEVENS HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE WITH THE NYO DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF ALGER HISS AND WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON. RECENTLY MISS STEVENS HAS SOLICITED THE ASSISTANCE OF THIS OFFICE TO PROCURE FOR HER PRESS RELEASES ISSUED BY THE BUREAU ON THE GOLD, GREENGLASS AND RELATED ESPIONAGE CASES ARISING FROM THE FUCHS CASE. AT THAT TIME MISS STEVENS WAS ADVISED THAT MUCH RELEASES HAD BEEN MADE BY THE BUREAU AT WASHINGTON AND THAT SHE SHOULD PROPERLY DIRECT HER REQUEST FOR THIS INFO TO THE BUREAU. AS A MATTER OF COOPERATION, OCT. SEVENTEEN, FIFTY, A LETTER WAS DIRECTED TO THE BUREAU CAPTIONED " DORIS STEVENS, INFO CONCERNING, ATTN. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR L. B. NICHOLS". IN THIS LETTER THE NATURE OF MIS. STEVENS REQUEST WAS OUTLINED AND THE BUREAU WAS ADVISED OF HER IDENTITY AND THE FACT THAT SHE MIGHT WRITE TO

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THE BUREAU FOR THESE PRESS RELEASES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL AND UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU, ON OCT TWENTY SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY THE FACTS SET FORTH ABOVE WILL BE CALLED TO THE ATTENTION OF SAAG DONEGAN FOR HIS INFO AND WHATEVER ACTION HE MIGHT DESIRE TO TAKE IN THIS MATTER.

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GREGORY, ESP R. THIS MORNING [REDACTED] THE NY  
WORLD TELEGRAM AND SUN, CONFIDENTIALLY INFORMED THIS OFFICE OF A  
CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD WITH FRED WOLTMAN, A WRITER FOR THIS NEWSPAPER.  
ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] WOLTMAN RECENTLY HAD A CONVERSATION WITH AN EM-  
PLOYEE OF FRANK BIELASKI, WHO OPERATES A PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY IN  
NYC. DURING THIS CONVERSATION THIS EMPLOYEE CONFIDENTIALLY INFORMED  
WOLTMAN THAT BIELASKIS AGENCY WAS INVESTIGATING ELIZABETH BENTLEY.  
THAT BIELASKI WAS NOT TOO MUCH IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING THIS COMMITMENT  
BUT HAD DONE SO AT THE REQUEST OF GENERAL WILLIAM DONOVAN. SUBSE-  
QUENTLY WOLTMAN [REDACTED] HAD A CONVERSATION WHEREIN THEY DISCUSSED  
THE POSSIBILITY OR DESIRABILITY OF PUBLISHING THIS STORY. [REDACTED]  
STATED THAT HE WAS IN FAVOR OF IT BUT WOLTMAN WAS RATHER RELUCTANT  
TO DO SO BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT HE HAD RECD HIS INFO IN CONFIDENCE.

[REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW AT THE TIME OF HIS CALL TO HIS OFFICE WHETHER WOLT-  
MAN HAD MADE ANY FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN REGARD TO THE PUBLISHING OF  
A STORY RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER. RECORDED - 10

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CC: Mr. Belmont

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

VERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *ABZ*  
FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: October 30, 1950

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ASAC Whelan of New York advised on October 30 that Bentley has been in touch with the New York Office and with the U. S. Attorney's Office and has definitely stated that she is under surveillance. She expects in addition that her telephone is probably tapped. She indicated that newspapermen Woltman and Frank have indicated to her that they know she is under surveillance.

Mr. Whelan stated that Bentley is residing at the Shelton Hotel. The NY Office has no satisfactory contacts at that Hotel. He suggested the possibility of Miss Bentley moving to the Prince George's Hotel where the Bureau does have good contacts. He said, however, that such a move might entail the necessity of the Bureau supplementing the daily rate paid by Bentley to the extent of perhaps \$1.50 to \$2.00 a day.

Mr. Whelan was advised that it was considered inadvisable for the Bureau to be involved in paying for Bentley's hotel room at this time. He was told that there were no objections, in view of Bentley's indicating that she was concerned about the surveillance, for the NY Office to assist her in locating another hotel room but that no supplemental payments in connection with the room should be made by the Bureau.

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None. For your information.

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*Who is Robert Morris?*

GREGORY, ESP. -R. AT THE REQUEST OF USA IRVING SAYPOL, ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO HAVE MISS BENTLEY MOVE FROM HER ADDRESS AT THE SHELTON HOTEL TO THE PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON OCT. THIRTY FIRST, FIFTY. ON NOV. FIRST, FIFTY, MISS BENTLEY COMMUNICATED WITH THIS OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT THE PREVIOUS EVENING SHE HAD HAD A CONVERSATION WITH ROBERT MORRIS. MORRIS INDICATED TO HER THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FRANK BIELASKI AGENCY WAS NOT SURVEILLING HER OR CONDUCTING ANY INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH HER ACTIVITIES IN NY. MORRIS RELATED THAT HIS INFORMANT HAD ADVISED THAT REMINGTON "DID NOT HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY." BENTLEY THEN RELATED THAT SHE AND MORRIS CAME TO THE DEFINITE CONCLUSION THAT SINCE SHE WAS BEING FOLLOWED AND IT WAS NOT BIELASKI, IT MIGHT VERY WELL BE THE COMMUNISTS. SHE STATED SHE BECAME QUITE CONCERNED OVER THIS AND THAT MORRIS HAD SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING THE SERVICES OF "A COUPLE OF NEW YORK POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE ON THE RED SQUAD." MISS BENTLEY WAS ADVISED THAT IT MIGHT BE ADVIS-

ABLE PRIOR TO DOING ANYTHING OF THIS RECORD. 134-435-32  
SAYPOL. BENTLEY HAD A PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT NOV 20 1950  
TO CONFER WITH USA MR. SAYPOL AND

ROY CONFER AT TWO THIRTY ON NOV. FIRST IN CONNECTION WITH THE

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BROTHMAN TRIAL. BOTH MR. SAYPOL AND MR. DONEGAN WERE ADVISED OF  
MISS BENTLEYS PHONE CALL RELATED ABOVE. MISS BENTLEY WAS QUESTIONED  
OVER A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD ON THE AFTERNOON OF NOV. FIRST BY MESSRS.  
DONEGAN, SAYPOL AND COHEN. <sup>connected with the Brothman case</sup> HOWEVER, THE AGENTS WHO ARE HANDLING  
THE BROTHMAN CASE ADVISED THAT BENTLEY MADE NO MENTION OF THE ABOVE  
INCIDENT WITH MORRIS, NOR DID SAYPOL OR DONEGAN HAVE ANY COMMENT IN  
THIS CONNECTION. IN VIEW OF THIS NO FURTHER ACTION IS BEING CON-  
TEMPLATED UACB.

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CC: Mr. Tolson

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THE DIRECTOR

November 3, 1950

MR. LADD

GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(Robert Morris)

Purpose:

To advise that Robert Morris is a New York Attorney who during Spring of 1950 was Assistant Counsel of the Subcommittee on Foreign Relations, U. S. Senate (Tydings Committee). Background information set out.

Background:

Reference is made to a teletype from New York dated November 2, 1950, entitled, "Gregory; Espionage - R" which states that Elizabeth Bentley had been in conversation with Robert Morris concerning who might be investigating or following Bentley. You inquired, "who is Robert Morris?"

Mr. Tom Donegan advised Mr. Hennrich today that Morris is identical with Robert Morris who was Assistant Counsel of the Subcommittee on Foreign Relations, U. S. Senate, (Tydings Committee) during the Spring of 1950; that when he appeared before the Federal Grand Jury in New York City in the Amerasia case this year he furnished the following background information concerning himself.

He was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1939 and thereafter practiced one year with a New York law firm. He then became Assistant Counsel to the New York State Legislative Committee investigating subversive activities in the New York schools. (The Rapp-Coudert Committee.) Thereafter he served four and a half years in the Navy and was assigned to ONI, New York City on the so-called "Commie Desk." Then he was assigned to assist Admiral Nimitz as psychological warfare officer. After the war he practiced law in New York City for two years at

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40 Exchange Place. On April 11, 1950 he was retained by the Tydings Subcommittee as Assistant Counsel. Mr. Donegan does not know Morris' present employment.

The New York Office has advised that Morris is a friend of Bentley's and has counseled her in that capacity.

Action:

None. This is for your information.

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SAC, New York

GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

RE: <sup>①</sup> PAYMENT TO ELIZABETH BENTLEY OF \$2000.00  
BY ANATOLI GROMOV

Rebulet 12/14/50 regarding the above-mentioned caption.

In May of 1945, BENTLEY saw, for the last time, her contact JACK (JOSEPH KATZ). Just prior to this last meeting JACK introduced her to the contact she had then known only as AL but who subsequently was definitely identified as ANATOLI GROMOV, the First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Washington.

In subsequent meetings with GROMOV, the latter made overtures of buying BENTLEY a fur coat, suggested that she quit her job and take a vacation, offered to supply her with an air conditioning unit when she complained of the summer heat, and on almost all of the occasions of her meetings with him, after the initial one, mentioned his willingness to set her up in a small business to be financed by him which would be located outside of New York City and perhaps in Philadelphia or Washington. MISS BENTLEY'S recollection was that they had some conversations about setting up a small hat or dress shop for this purpose.

In October of 1945, BENTLEY saw GROMOV by prearrangement and at this time he handed her \$2000.00 in \$20.00 bills, and at the time he gave her the money he stated there were "no strings attached." It was BENTLEY'S impression at this time that this payment to her was for her past activities in connection with the Russians, as well as an attempt on the part of GROMOV to secure her good will.

On November 16, 1945, while MISS BENTLEY was being interrogated by SAS THOMAS G. SPENCER and JOSEPH M. KELLY in the Prince George Hotel in New York City, she mentioned the facts as related above, as well, of course, as other information during this rather extended interview. At the conclusion of this interview on November 16th, arrangements were made for the continuance of the interview on the morning of November 17, 1945, at the same hotel. Immediately upon MISS BENTLEY'S entering the room on this occasion, even before she took off her coat and hat,

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she opened up her purse, took out an envelope, threw it on the bed and stated, "Here's some Moscow gold." MISS BENTLEY was informed that the FBI would take possession of this money and although no offer was made to give her a receipt for same she did not in fact request one. Thereafter, the money was taken to the New York Office and subsequently placed in the safe-deposit box that is maintained by the New York Office at the Park Row Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company. The money still remains in this safe-deposit box.

In so far as the final disposition of this money is concerned, it appears that only two possibilities exist: (1) that it be considered as espionage money as a result of MISS BENTLEY'S activities with the Russians, and in that event it in all probability would have to be turned over to the Treasury Department; and (2) the other solution would, of course, be to have this money returned to MISS BENTLEY. In view of the fact that MISS BENTLEY was recently a witness in the ABRAHAM BROTHMAN case and is scheduled to appear as a Government witness in the current trial of WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON, this matter was discussed on a confidential basis with Special Assistant to the Attorney General T. J. DONEGAN. MR. DONEGAN stated that in his opinion this matter should remain "in status quo" until such time as the REMINGTON case has finally been resolved. He stated that any attempt at this time to establish the ownership of these funds might lead to some embarrassment. He stated that he was of the definite opinion that some decision would have to be made in so far as these funds are concerned but indicated that it might be well not to consider this until the final disposition of the REMINGTON case has been effected.

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that since 1945 the services of MISS BENTLEY as a witness and as a highly placed informant have been utilized by this office and also by the Chicago Office during the six-month period she resided in that City. During this time she has not been paid for her

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services, with the exception of a Christmas gift that was given to her this year and the reimbursement to her in the amount of \$25.00 during the preparation of the REMINGTON and BROTHMAN cases when MISS BENTLEY was in Westport, Connecticut, writing her book. During the time she has been interviewed by Agents of this office she has on two or three occasions inquired into what disposition would eventually be made of this money. She was informed on all these occasions that this was a matter that would have to be decided sometime in the future and, of course, no definite commitment was made to her regarding these funds.

MISS BENTLEY'S financial condition at the present time is satisfactory in that all of her living expenses are being paid for by her publisher through January of 1951. Thereafter, her financial condition will depend on the way in which her book is received by the public. If it is not well received, she, of course, will have to obtain some employment to maintain herself as she has no savings or independent income. It, of course, would be a nice gesture if this money could be returned to her; however, this cannot be recommended by this office in view of the circumstances surrounding the manner in which she obtained this money, particularly the fact that it was MISS BENTLEY'S impression that this was payment to her for espionage activities she had participated in on behalf of the Soviets.

In view of MR. DONEGAN'S comments, it is not believed that any decision should be reached as to the disposition of these funds until the final disposition of the REMINGTON case, and at that time the comments of MR. DONEGAN, as well as of this office, will be forwarded to the Bureau.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓  
FROM : L. B. Nichols  
SUBJECT:

DATE: April 25, 1951

For record purposes, Miss Worlick of the Speakers and Artists Bureau of NBC phoned advising that she was scheduling lectures for Elizabeth Bentley and wondered if we could give her assurance that Miss Bentley was a hundred per cent all right as she did not want to have any complaints that Bentley might actually still be a spy.

Miss Worlick was advised that no statement of endorsement could be given by us to her although she could readily appreciate the fact that Miss Bentley had spread on the public record her present beliefs. For example, not only has she appeared as a Government witness before Grand Juries and in Federal Court, but she has written articles for McCall's Magazine and recently published her own book, all of which were matters of public record from which she could form her opinion. Miss Worlick was advised it was not the Bureau's policy to issue endorsements on any person for commercial purposes. She stated she understood this and that obviously the Federal Government would not utilize Miss Bentley unless it had some reliance in what she had to say. No further action is required.

JJM:CMC

cc: Mr. Belmont

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V*  
FROM : L. B. Nichols  
SUBJECT:

DATE: January 24, 1951

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Christine Sadler, who was formerly with the Washington Post and who is now the Washington representative of McCall's Magazine, came in to see me on January 23, 1951.

*O* She pointed out that McCall's Magazine is seriously considering purchasing the serial rights to Elizabeth Bentley's new book; that her editor has read the manuscript and told her it is one of the most fascinating documents he has ever read and will be a sure-fire success.

As the word got around in the publishing trade that McCall's had the first magazine rights to the book word was given to the editor that he should go slow because Elizabeth Bentley was on the verge of being discredited. She talked to Phil Graham of the Washington Post about this and Phil suggested that she see me. I told her that, of course, we could not give her any advice as to whether they should or should not publish the Bentley story. I asked her, however, if it would not be logical to assume that if Miss Bentley was vulnerable and if she could be discredited, would this not have occurred long before now. She had not thought of this. I further suggested that she might check into the cross-examination of Miss Bentley in the Remington case because it would appear that if anyone was able to shake her certainly an attempt would be made in this case.

I further told her that the Bureau had a great deal of respect for the veracity of Elizabeth Bentley and that over a period of years on those matters which were susceptible to verification they had been verified; that so far as the Bureau was concerned Miss Bentley had been very forthright in all of her statements to us.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 23, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York.

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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On February 20, 1950, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed in connection with an attempt to have her identify the various photographs in connection with current cases in this office. At that time she advised that she was planning to leave New York City on February 23, 1951, via BQAC for Nassau in the Bahamas. She will reside while there at the Prince George Hotel. She expects to be gone approximately one month.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 3, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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It has been ascertained that Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY has left the Hotel Prince George at Nassau, Bahamas, and is presently spending a month's vacation at the Hotel Condado at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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## FERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 28, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

This office is in receipt of a radiogram dated March 26, 1951, from the San Juan Office. This radiogram advises that ELIZABETH BENTLEY was departing San Juan March 27 via Pan American Airways through the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Cuba, indicating her return to New York City on about April 3 next.

This information is being supplied to the Bureau in view of the fact that it does not appear that this radiogram was directed to the Bureau as well as this office.

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WASHINGTON PRESS CONFERENCE  
FOR MISS BENTLEY

will be held at 4:30 p.m., Thursday,  
April 19, in North Lounge at the  
Carlton Hotel.

You are invited to come or send a  
representative.

Photographers welcome.

*For your information*

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Christine Sadler

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# McCall's

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## ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S "MY LIFE AS A SPY" STARTS IN MAY McCALL'S

Elizabeth Bentley, self-confessed Communist Agent, who gave the F.B.I. the first inside story of the whole Communist spy system in America, reveals how she became emeshed in the Communist Party - in the first installment of her story, "My Life As A Spy", which appears in May McCall's - on the news-stands April 20.

Miss Bentley names names of people, places and organizations which led her to become entangled in the Red spy network of New York and Washington. She tells how she was changed from a vacillating young woman into a disciplined, obedient Bolshevik; of comrades who faltered and were liquidated; and of early meetings with her Russian lover.

The McCall's story quotes Miss Bentley on her importance to the Russian government. She says, "A Russian agent told me: 'I've known about your work for the last two years....I'm the man who sits behind the desk in Moscow and keeps track of the reports. In fact, I've been sent over here especially to see you and tell you that we all think you've done splendidly and have a great future before you.' Later he told me the Russian government had awarded me the Order of the Red Star."

In a foreword to the story, the Editors of McCall's point out that they are presenting Elizabeth Bentley's "My Life As A Spy" as a "human document of tremendous interest and significance at this time, when the Communist threat to our country has been intensified all over the world." Additional installments will appear in June, July and August McCall's.

CONTACT: Frank Hogan MU 6-4600

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SAC, New York

April 26, 1951

Director, FBI

GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Tom Donnelly in his column which appeared on page 23 of the "Washington News" for April 24, 1951, reported on the press conference given for Elizabeth T. Bentley by the editors of "McCall's" magazine at the Carlton Hotel, Washington, D. C., on the afternoon of April 23, 1951. He also referred to Miss Bentley's story entitled, "My Life as a Spy," the first installment of which began in the May issue of "McCall's."

After Donnelly refers to Miss Bentley's introduction to the press, he writes, "No new sensations were unleashed tho there was a hint that Miss Bentley may figure prominently in the news a few weeks from now."

You are requested to advise whether you have any information concerning Donnelly's quoted statement.

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# Televised, and Now Serialized

By TOM DONNELLY

**ELIZABETH BENTLEY**, who is always described in newspaper stories as a "self-confessed Communist courier," is currently making the inevitable transition from headlines to memoirs.

The editors of McCall's have sandwiched the first installment of Miss Bentley's confessions, "My Life as a Spy," in among the May collection of recipes for Hawaiian Casserole and fictional studies of tortured wives who suspect their tall, lean, handsome husbands of philandering.

Miss Bentley was introduced, once again, to the press at a McCall's-sponsored conference at the Carlton yesterday afternoon. No new sensations were unleashed, though there was a hint that Miss Bentley may figure prominently in the news a few weeks from now. She looked very much like a Vassar girl of the class of '35 or thereabouts, which she is, and quite unlike the "Red Spy Queen" of a couple of years ago, which she also is, allowing for the inflation which invariably accompanies the use of printer's ink.

Miss Bentley read a prepared statement to the effect that she hopes that her story "will be read by as many people as possible," and that these readers "will see what Communism is really like and avoid getting entangled in it."

The first installment of Miss Bentley's memoirs (a lengthier version will come out in book form in July) ends, in the approved women's magazine fashion, with Miss Bentley's sweetheart asking her if she will stick with him.

"What should I say?" writes Miss Bentley. "Here was the man whom I admired, loved and trusted. I belonged with him, no matter what. 'I'll stick with you,' I said. It was my most fateful decision."

I expected, of course, that one of the many ladies at the press conference would ask Miss Bentley what was to happen to her romance with this man, a hardened Communist, in Installment Two.

None of them asked, however, and somehow I felt too embarrassed to. One newspaper lady, a representative of a generation preceding Miss Bentley's own, asked Miss Bentley some even more provocative questions. "Miss Bentley," demanded this lady, "do you think this expose of yours will help your country as much as your spying hurt it?" Miss Bentley replied, "That's for the Government to decide, I suppose."

In response to questions she has been asked hundreds of times, Miss Bentley said that she was drawn

into the Communist movement because she was "idealistic," saw that things in this country were very bad during the depression, and mistakenly believed that the Reds would make a better world. The elderly newspaper lady snorted at this, and looked about the room as if to invite everyone else to join her in laughing at the utter absurdity of this explanation.

"A lot of us went thru the depression, too," the newswoman said, "and we didn't turn Communist."

Miss Bentley repeated her statements about her misguided idealism, etc., but it was clear that she was up against a set of very popular reactions. Many people believe (a) that the Communists are everywhere but that (b) it is somehow inconceivable that Communists really exist and look very much like anybody else and (c) that anyone who ever was a Communist is guilty of an aberration so extreme that his testimony as to the operation of the Party is suspect as either wild fantasy or some sort of ingenious lie designed to help Moscow.

Miss Bentley has been lecturing at various colleges, and she says that the Communists are still able to recruit students by first appealing to their "sense of injustice," as regards race prejudice, etc. "Of course," Miss Bentley points out, "Peace is the big appeal now. People are naturally against war, and the Communists sometimes persuade them that joining the Party is one way of helping to prevent war."

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Director, FBI

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CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANTS;  
THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 134-435-✓  
Reurlet April 24, 1951, listing a number of individuals and requesting an opinion as to whether or not they should register under Section 20 of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

Your attention is directed to Section B of SAC Letter # 32, Series 1951, dated April 7, 1951. Your attention is specifically directed to the comments on page 8 thereof as follows:

The Attorney General has authorized the Bureau to make a determination in cases of individuals utilized by the Bureau for intelligence purposes whether or not it would be in the interest of national security for the individual concerned to register. Accordingly, in the cases of individuals being utilized by the Field for intelligence purposes who come within the purview of this Section of the Act, you should furnish to the Bureau a copy of the detailed signed statement taken pursuant to the above instructions, together with such facts and recommendations as will be pertinent to the question of whether the registration of the individual concerned would or would not be in the interest of national security.

In the case of persons such as Whitaker Chambers, who have been publicized, and who are no longer active informants, and where reports have already been furnished the Department, it is not expected that any request for exemption from registration for such persons will be made by the Bureau.

Accordingly, in regard to each of the individuals mentioned where you feel they could be exempted from registration, you should furnish to the Bureau a copy of the detailed signed statement taken pursuant to the instructions set forth in SAC letter # 32, together with such facts and recommendations as will be pertinent to the question of whether the registration of the individual concerned would or would not be in the interest of national security.

These letters should be captioned in the appropriate files of the individual subjects concerned and should not be submitted to the Bureau under the general heading used in relet.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 9, 1951

FROM : SAC, NY

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet April 26 last.

On May 2, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed in connection with the comments set forth in the referenced letter, and she advised that during the press conference she had with the editors of McCall's magazine, she remembered that a Mr. DONNELLY asked her quite a few questions.

She stated that BENJAMIN GITLOW was being interviewed that day in Washington in connection with the McCARRAN Bill, and DONNELLY asked her if she would be involved in any of the hearings relative to the McCARRAN Bill. She told him that she did not know as she had not been requested to appear in this connection. It was her recollection that DONNELLY told her that he felt quite sure that she would make an appearance regarding this particular bill.

She advised that it is quite possible that this particular part of the discussion may have resulted in his comment to the effect - "No new sensations were unleashed tho there was a hint that Miss BENTLEY may figure prominently in the news a few weeks from now."

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*May 1951*

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*Mc Call's*

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*Elizabeth Bentley*

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200 Brook Drive  
Falls Church Va.  
July 10-1951-

Mr J. Edgar Hoover -  
Director F. B. I.  
Washington D. C.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a letter which is  
self explanatory. In a veiled way a  
reputable and respected person who objected  
to the articles being published by Elizabeth  
Bentley - is being called a Communist.  
I do not know Mr Mich but I venture  
to say once there was "sky" on the  
end of his name. I read but one  
article by Miss Bentley - the first - I have  
surprised beneath the surface. This  
defenses of Communism and I have a  
right to object to it. I am a member of the  
Party member - as I sus-  
pect from his desire to "smear" my  
objections - he is in a bad place to

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propaganda. Communism  
for Mr. Call is a magazine that  
gets in to a great many middle  
class homes since it is so in ex-  
pensive. It seems to me Miss  
Bentley had better employ her talents  
elsewhere than in the field of  
authorship and a magazine  
which sponsors her & looked at  
with askance -

Yours very truly

WILLHELMINE K. LINTNER

Wilhelmine K. Lintner

(Mrs Edwin J. Lintner)

P.S. I merely canceled my subscription  
to the periodical and gave my reason  
and apparently it upset Mr. Mich.  
Why? over a canceled subscription?

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# McCall's

OFFICE OF THE  
EDITORIAL DIRECTOR

July 6, 1951

Mrs. E. J. Lintner  
200 Brook Drive  
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Lintner:

This is in acknowledgement of your letter of June 5th.

I am sure that you have misunderstood our purpose in presenting Elizabeth Bentley's story. It is certainly not to glorify her career as a Communist and a spy, but rather to present an authentic object lesson to our country at this time when the Communists are just as guilty of aggression on the home front as they are abroad.

Far from making a heroine of Miss Bentley, McCall's is using her tragic story to point a moral.

As for her veracity, I do not blame you for mistrusting the word of any ex-Communist. However, eight years have passed since she recanted and told her story to the F.B.I. In that time, she has been instrumental in the conviction of many Communist spies.

Before deciding to publish this story, McCall's queried the F.B.I. and others in Washington, and learned that very careful checking had revealed her to be accurate in every statement she made to government officials after she quit the Communist party.

I think you will find that the Communists will be the most ardent opposition to the Bentley articles, and the rest of us will benefit.

Sincerely yours,

*Daniel D. Mich*

Daniel D. Mich  
Editorial Director

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Mrs. Edwin J. Lintner  
200 Brook Drive  
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Lintner:

Thank you very much for your letter post-  
marked July 13, 1951, with enclosure.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to forward  
this material and I am glad to have the benefit of  
your observations.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York  
SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: September 29, 1951

On September 24, 1951, ELIZABETH BENTLEY moved into a house she recently purchased. The address of this residence is New Road, Madison, Connecticut, telephone number Madison 248.

As the Bureau is aware, Miss BENTLEY has been handled since the time she originally came into the New York Office in November, 1945, by agents of the New York Office. For the past five years she has been interviewed intermittently on various matters concerning internal security, espionage, and related matters in connection with the Bureau's work. These interviews with Miss BENTLEY have been handled by two agents of this office. Occasionally it has been necessary to have Miss BENTLEY interviewed by an agent not familiar with her background and on a few occasions this has been found to be not too satisfactory, although Miss BENTLEY has been most cooperative in all instances.

In view of the fact that Miss BENTLEY has decided to live permanently in Connecticut and has an established residence there, it is believed advisable that an experienced agent or agents of the New Haven Office be designated to handle all interviews with her in the future. It is to be noted that her present residence, Madison, Connecticut, is approximately 115 miles from New York City. In the event it is necessary to interview her, this requires the time of two agents to drive to Connecticut and return, which consumes two agent days for any interview that is had with her. It is to be noted that in all interviews with Miss BENTLEY since the time she first came to the New York Office, two agents have always been present. It is suggested that this practice be followed by the New Haven Office.

In the event the Bureau agrees with the suggestion that the New Haven Office handle Miss BENTLEY rather than the New York Office, it is believed advisable that the various field offices throughout the Bureau should be advised, probably by Bureau Bulletin or some other communication, of this change. It is suggested that the Bureau advise the New York Office if this contemplated change should be made, in view of the fact that leads are continually coming into this office from the various field offices, some of them for expeditious handling.

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cc - New Haven

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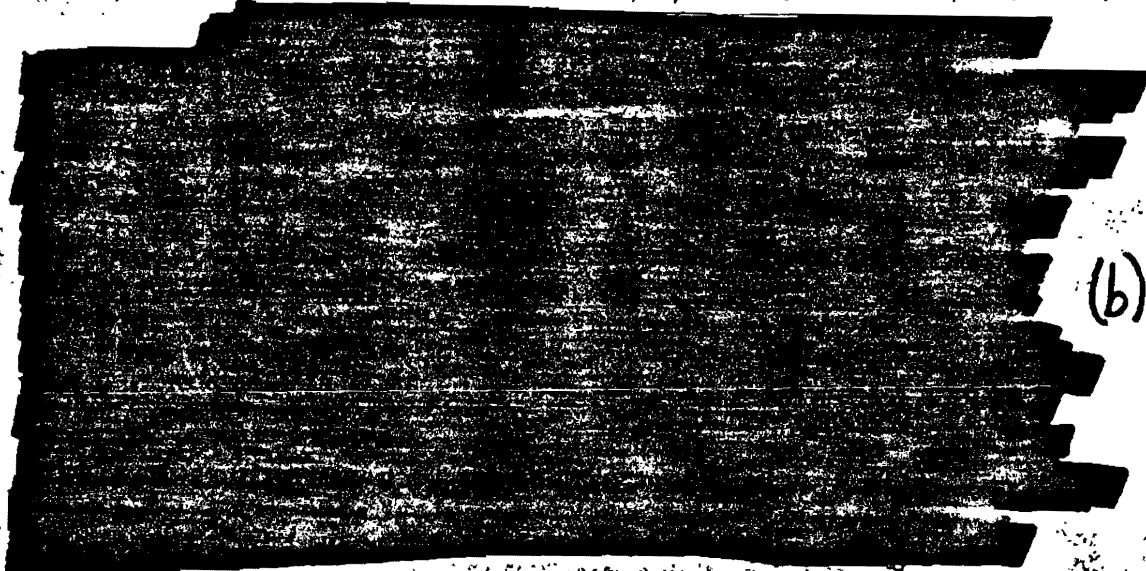
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Reference is made to New York's letter of 9/29/51 suggesting that the New Haven Office rather than New York handle future interviews with Elizabeth Bentley in view of the fact that she has established permanent residence in Madison, Connecticut, where she has purchased a house on New Road.

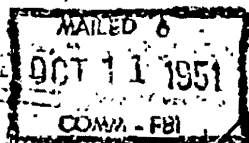


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The Bureau desires that her position as a cooperative informant not be jeopardized. Therefore, it is felt that there should be no immediate transfer of Miss Bentley from the New York Office to New Haven. Rather, the Bureau feels that this transfer should be gradual and not completely consummated until the New Haven Office is adequately equipped with the necessary background information concerning her and the investigations in which she has been involved. It is believed that New Haven must have this information before it can intelligently and efficiently handle Miss Bentley with the maximum success. Therefore, the Bureau desires that the following action be taken:

cc - New Haven

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New York should continue to handle Miss Bentley until further advised by the Bureau. The next time an Agent of the New York Office has occasion to interview Miss Bentley arrangements should be made with the New Haven Office in order that the New York Agent en route to Madison, Connecticut, can stop in at the New Haven Office and thoroughly brief an Agent to be designated by the Special Agent in Charge of the New Haven Office concerning all pertinent information about Bentley and the information she has furnished the Bureau. The Bureau desires that the New York Agent be one who is thoroughly acquainted with all information pertaining to Bentley, her personality, eccentricities, etc. The Agent designated by the Special Agent in Charge at New Haven should be a mature agent and one who has had considerable experience in the espionage field, as well as experience in handling security informants.

After the New Haven Agent has been thoroughly briefed, he should accompany the New York Agent on his interviews with Elizabeth Bentley. After this interview the New Haven Agent should accompany the New York Agent on all future interviews until such time as the New Haven Office feels that it is in a position to efficiently handle all interviews with Miss Bentley. At this time New Haven should advise the Bureau that it will handle all interviews with Miss Bentley in order that the Bureau can advise the Field Offices.

In order that New Haven may be thoroughly acquainted with Miss Bentley's background it will undoubtedly be necessary for the New York Office to furnish it with pertinent serials, etc., pertaining to her and the cases in which she has been involved. It is believed that this matter can be appropriately handled at the time the New York Agent contacts the New Haven Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols  
FROM : M. A. Jones

DATE: October 6, 1951

SUBJECT: "BOOK OUT OF BONDAGE"  
STORY OF ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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In accordance with your request there are attached two copies of the above-mentioned book. It is suggested they be sent to the Records Section for a complete indexing job.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson  
FROM : Mr. Nichols  
SUBJECT:

DATE: October 16, 1951

Mr. Higgins, Assistant Editor of the York, Pennsylvania, Gazette, telephonically inquired of Mr. McGuire this morning as to whether the FBI granted clearances for lecturers and when advised we do not clear anyone, Mr. Higgins was asked for the basis of his inquiry. Mr. Higgins stated that Elizabeth Bentley was going to lecture in York on Thursday night of this week under the auspices of the College Club and he had heard that she had been cleared by the FBI and was supposed to be employed by the State Department. He stated he had checked with the State Department and found she was not employed by the State Department and hence he wondered as to whether the FBI cleared people or not as it seemed most unusual to him. He was informed that the FBI does not clear anyone as this was not a function within our established jurisdiction.

cc: Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Ladd

JJM:MP

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New Haven  
SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: October 18, 1951

There is enclosed for the Bureau and the New York Office respectively a clipping from the New Haven Register of 10/16/51 captioned "ELIZABETH BENTLEY LIVING IN MADISON, HOPES FOR A LIFE THAT WILL BE LESS HECTIC."

The article is being enclosed for the information of the Bureau and the New York Office.

Encl.

cc: New York (Encl.)

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# Elizabeth Bentley Living In Madison, Hopes For A Life That Will Be Less Hectic

**Named Ex-Communist Spy  
Lives in Shoreline House;  
May Take Teaching Job**

Madison, Oct. 16—(Special)—Elizabeth Bentley, who was front page news for many months as a Communist who left the party to aid the FBI in exposing Communist infiltration into Government circles, has moved to Madison.

On Saturday Miss Bentley received the deed to her home on New Road which she bought about three weeks ago. The five-room house, built by Jack King, was formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. David Greenwood.

Miss Bentley chose Madison, she said, as the town in which to make her home because of its proximity to the Sound plus the fact that she managed to find there just the right type of house with a couple of acres of land—just what she had been seeking. It was natural for her to look in Connecticut for her home, she said, having been born in Litchfield and having spent many of her summers in Stony Creek. Last Summer she spent in Clinton.

After 10 dramatic years as a Communist spy and six more as a spy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Elizabeth Bentley is now planning a less hectic life. Her present plans include furnishing her new home, adding a good-sized garden and perhaps accepting a teaching position. She also fills speaking engagements and is available for these through a lecture bureau.

Recently she taught political science and government in the Midwest but she said, "My frequent absences did not help class morale. I gave up the teaching."

On September 24 of this year the story of her life with the Communists and the Russian Secret Police was published. This book, "Out of Bondage," is the first thing she has written. She said she found writing it hard and considers the



Elizabeth Bentley, the Communist spy who recanted and gave testimony to Congress which resulted finally in the conviction of William Remington, State Department employee, for perjury, is shown resting comfortably at her new home in Madison. On Miss Bentley's lap are her cat and her book, "Out of Bondage," which tells of her days in the Communist underground and her work for the Communists in World War II.

finished product "amateurish." However, the autobiography, agreeing with details brought out in Congressional hearings, Grand Jury investigations and major espionage trials, reads like a mystery story and gives a good picture of the work of the Communists in New York and Washington.

## Crisis in Old Lyme

During the course of her work for the Communist Party she met and fell in love with Jacob Golos. She was associated with him for some

time before it was revealed to her that he was chief of the Russian Secret Police in the United States.

It was after his death that she came to realize that she was working for the wrong country and decided to try to make amends. Close to a breakdown over her indecision as to whether to risk her own life and the lives of all those who had been her friends for years, she came to Old Lyme to rest and make her decision.

While there she entered a church by chance. Sitting quietly in meditation she immediately thought of the 23d Psalm: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me." She came out of the church with her decision reached.

The next problem was how to contact the FBI without being discovered by her associates. Not daring to take a chance on being seen either at FBI offices in the Court House in New York or going to the Washington office, centrally located, she chose the New Haven FBI office as the place to reveal her undercover work. She still checks with the agents of that organization twice weekly.

After she finished her book—the 250 pages describing her life before she became a Communist, were eliminated by the publisher. "He considered," says Elizabeth Bentley sitting in her new Madison home, "that my early life had been most dull."

Date: 10/16/51

Submitted by the  
New Haven Office

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New Haven Journal-Courier  
Daily Worker  
Yale Daily News  
Bridgeport Herald

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON  
FROM : L. B. NICHOLS  
SUBJECT:

DATE: October 20, 1951

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Mr. David Wesley with the York, Pennsylvania, Gazette and Daily called and talked to Holloman at 2:45 p.m. on October 18, 1951. He stated that Elizabeth Bentley was scheduled to make a speech in York, Pennsylvania, on the night of October 18, 1951, and asked whether or not we could furnish him with the names of individuals having been prosecuted as a result of information furnished by Elizabeth Bentley.

Mr. Wesley was advised of the confidential nature of our files and informed it would not be possible for us to be of assistance to him in this connection.

CC - Mr. Ladd

CC - Mr. Belmont

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Name of Informant:

Elizabeth Bentley

Symbol Number:

Elizabeth Bentley, who has been referred from time to time as Confidential Informant Gregory, is a self-confessed former Soviet agent who operated principally in New York City and Washington, D. C. This informant presently resides at New Road, Madison, Conn.

Dates of Contact:

Although contacted at very frequent intervals, she is now interviewed about three or four times a month.

Informative Summary of Information Furnished:

She is asked about and furnishes information on Soviet espionage, underground and Communist matters. The information she supplies at the present time deals primarily with loyalty and applicant type cases.

Value of Information Received:

The information supplied by Bentley is accurate and reliable and according to the Bureau's evaluation she is considered a most valuable informant.

Labor Union Affiliation:

None

Draft Status:

None

Criminal Record:

She has no known criminal record

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DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 15, 1952

3:00 PM

Elizabeth Bentley called at the Reception Room and I explained your absence to her and escorted her to Mr. Ladd's office.

She stated that she was very disappointed that she didn't get to meet you and hopes that she will have an opportunity to shake hands with you at some future time.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 23, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York  
SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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ELIZABETH BENTLEY telephoned this office on January 22 and advised that on the evening of this day she is leaving for a series of speeches and will not return to her home in Connecticut until about February 14. This tour will take her to Erie, Pennsylvania, Chicago, Illinois, stops in Iowa and Nebraska, Denver, Colorado, Kansas City, Missouri, and several small towns in the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri.

This is for the Bureau's information.

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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney  
Criminal Division

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Director, FBI

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The following will confirm telephone conversations had with Mr. Noel Story of the Criminal Division on March 3, 6 and 10, 1952, concerning the prospective testimony of Elizabeth Bentley in the proceedings presently pending before the Subversive Activities Control Board. Miss Bentley is expected to testify that in 1945 she received the sum of two thousand dollars from Anatole Gromov who was then First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Washington, such money to be used as payment to her for her work and her expenses.

In November 1945 Miss Bentley advised Special Agents of this Bureau that she had received the sum of two thousand dollars from Anatole Gromov in October 1945. At the time Gromov gave her this money he told her that "there were no strings attached," and it was her impression that this payment was made to compensate her for her assistance and also in an endeavor to secure her good will. Miss Bentley voluntarily turned over to Special Agents of this Bureau an envelope containing two thousand dollars in bills stating "Here's some Moscow gold." The money was taken into the possession of the Special Agents at the request of Miss Bentley and no receipt, therefore, was furnished or requested. The money remains in a safe deposit box maintained by our New York Office in a bank in New York. No identifying marks were placed upon any of the bills by Miss Bentley.

The foregoing circumstances are recited inasmuch as they bear upon the request by Mr. Story for information as to whether there can be made available evidence to substantiate Miss Bentley's anticipated testimony concerning her receipt of the moneys involved. From the circumstances it would appear that any endeavor to corroborate Miss Bentley's testimony by production of the money, as would inescapably require testimony by the Special Agents to whom Miss Bentley related her story and to whom she delivered the money in question.

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For the various reasons which have been discussed with you on previous occasions it is not believed desirable that Special Agents of this Bureau be utilized as witnesses in the proceedings presently pending before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

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SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MR. A. H. BELMONT

May 8, 1952

MR. W. V. CLEVELAND

WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON  
PERJURY

PURPOSE:

To advise that Confidential Informant Elizabeth Bentley contacted the New York Office on the evening of May 7, 1952, and advised that she had been severely beaten by her caretaker; and to recommend that the United States Attorney in New York be advised and arrangements made for her to discuss this matter with the U. S. Attorney since she is scheduled to be a witness in the Remington case.

DETAILS:

At 1:00, P. M., on May 8, 1952, ASAC Whelan of the New York Office telephonically advised that Confidential Informant Elizabeth Bentley had contacted SA Tom Spencer of the New York Office on the evening of May 7, 1952. She advised SA Spencer that she had had her caretaker call for her at New Haven to drive her to Madison, Connecticut. En route, she observed that her caretaker appeared to have been drinking, whereupon she became frightened and took over the wheel of the car. He started to pull at the wheel whereupon she stopped the car. She claims he hit her and she became unconscious. Upon regaining her senses, she tried to escape but he threw her bodily into the car and drove her home.

As a result of the beating inflicted upon her, her face became infected and she has now moved to a hotel in New York where she is receiving treatments. She advised SA Spencer that she had attempted to fire the caretaker but he refused to leave. She did not want to report the matter to the local police because she realized that if this episode became public knowledge, it would ruin her career as a lecturer and it would also seriously impair her effectiveness as a witness in the Remington case. Consequently, she wanted advice as to how she should proceed in connection with this personal problem.

SA Spencer feels that Miss Bentley's story set forth above may be false and that actually she and her caretaker may have been drinking heavily together and became embroiled in an argument resulting in his beating her. SA Spencer has also advised that Miss Bentley told him that she is going through a

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change of life and is receiving treatments from the same doctor who is presently treating her for the wounds inflicted by the caretaker.

ASAC Whelan stated that he thought that the U. S. Attorney in New York should be advised of this matter and if any advice is furnished to Miss Bentley, it should be given by the U. S. Attorney.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you agree, ASAC Whelan will be instructed to furnish the U. S. Attorney the facts regarding this matter and will also make arrangements for Miss Bentley to discuss her personal problem with the U. S. Attorney.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 7, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Rebulet October 9, 1951. This letter refers to the handling of the informant ELIZABETH BENTLEY by the New Haven Office, in view of the fact that she is now permanently residing in Madison, Connecticut. (u)

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BAC, New York (65-14603)

May 19, 1952

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Reurlet May 7, 1952.

The Bureau agrees with the suggested procedure for the future handling of Elizabeth Bentley. It is possible that the recent trouble she had with her caretaker may change her plans regarding residence and in that event, you should submit for the Bureau's consideration any new proposal necessary for maintaining a regular contact concerning matters of interest to us.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

FROM : MR. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

DATE: May 13, 1952

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At 5:40, P. M., on May 13, 1952, ASAC Whelan called from New York to advise that U. S. Attorney Miles Lane, AUSA Cohn, and Elizabeth Bentley had held a conference today in Lane's office regarding the difficulty she has been having with her caretaker, John Wright. As a consequence, Mr. Lane has arranged for Miss Bentley to call Wright down to New York tomorrow, at which time Lane is going to talk to him. Lane intends to start out by being nice and then if Wright gives him trouble, Lane will hear down and serve a Grand Jury subpoena on him with the threat to call him in before the Grand Jury if he causes Bentley any more difficulty whatsoever. Whelan is arranging with the New Haven Office to get the identifying data on Wright, the caretaker, so that we can check our files on him. The above action by Lane is in keeping with our desire that the U. S. Attorney handle this matter insofar as possible and that we not become involved.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: May 12, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

ASAC Whelan, of the New York City Division, called on May 12, 1952, to advise that in accordance with Whelan's discussion with AUSA Cohn regarding Bentley's troubles with her caretaker, Cohn had seen Bentley at her hotel last Saturday night. Cohn is thinking in terms of arranging for a job for the caretaker in New London and by this procedure getting the caretaker out of Bentley's sphere of operations. In order to get more factual data, however, Cohn wants to talk to Bentley's doctor and has her permission to do so. He has an appointment at 6:00 pm tonight. Cohn would like Agent Spencer to go along with him.

I told Mr. Whelan that this was a matter we would like the United States Attorney's office to handle, but inasmuch as Bentley is our informant and has been a valuable one, it is permissible for Spencer to go along with Cohn as an observer only and not to make any suggestions in this matter.

At noon on May 13, 1952, ASAC Whelan called back to advise that AUSA Cohn interviewed Dr. Samuel Groopman last night. Dr. Groopman, who is Bentley's physician, according to Whelan, is reliable and is house doctor for the Lapham Hotel in New York City. Special Agent Spencer accompanied Cohn as observer. Miss Bentley and a friend known only as Lady Armstrong were also present. Mr. Whelan said that Lady Armstrong is a wealthy anti-Communist resident of Connecticut who is active in Catholic circles and who has befriended persons such as Bentley who have been affected by the Party. Mr. Whelan was of the opinion that Bishop Sheen put Bentley in touch with Lady Armstrong.

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Dr. Groopman said that he had examined John Wright, Bentley's caretaker. This occurred at the time Wright drove Bentley to New York and Wright had an examination by Dr. Groopman on some minor matter. Dr. Groopman commented that Wright is below average mentally, a braggart and an adolescent type. He felt that Wright intends physical harm to Bentley and in his mind there was no question that Bentley was afraid of Wright and feared physical harm from him. He recommended to Bentley that she sell her place and move out of the area; however, she does not want to do so.

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Bentley wants to get her research material out of her home, have the locks changed on her doors, and have her car brought down from Connecticut.

AUSA Cohn, following the interview, pointed out that Bentley is a very important witness in the Julius Rosenberg case where her testimony was given considerable weight by the Circuit Court showing the tie-in between the Communist Party and the espionage activities of Rosenberg. He said she is also an important witness before the Subversive Activities Control Board, in the Remington case and in the matters Cohn presently has before the Federal Grand Jury in New York, such as the Kaplan case and matters involving UN personnel.

Mr. Whelan pointed out that Bentley will be a very important witness in some of the Soviet espionage cases presently being worked in New York, concerning which Mr. Cohn knows nothing. In addition, she is, of course, a key witness in the Silvermaster case in the event it is revived.

AUSA Cohn feels that there is a very real problem involved in the present situation of Bentley and one that should be settled from the standpoint of the government cases involved. Cohn is thinking in terms of bringing the caretaker Wright before a grand jury on charges of interfering with a government witness. Prior to considering this further, he will need background information on Wright.

Mr. Whelan suggested that we make discreet inquiries on Wright in Connecticut and find out if he has a criminal record, his reputation and background, and to discreetly determine just what has been going on at Bentley's home in order to provide the necessary material to Cohn.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Whelan be authorized to have a discreet check made of Wright and his background, as suggested, in order to provide material to AUSA Cohn for possible grand jury hearing on Wright. We should have more facts regarding this matter to intelligently handle it and protect the government's interest. Whelan was instructed to

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get sufficient identifying data on Wright at once in order that an appropriate check could be made through the New York and Bureau files. Whelan was further advised that Cohn should continue to carry the ball on this matter but we should continue to be alert to developments to protect the Bureau's interest. The key to this matter appears to be the caretaker and with additional facts concerning his background it may be possible for Cohn to handle this matter by calling him before a grand jury and warning him on the basis that Bentley is a government witness.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: May 15, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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Reference is made to my memorandum of May 13, 1952, regarding the difficulty Elizabeth Bentley has been having with her caretaker, John Wright.

Supervisor Tom McAndrews, of the New York Division, advised on May 15, that Wright had been interviewed by USA Myles Lane. Wright, at that time, told a little different story than Bentley. He said that Bentley had been drinking and he had, therefore, taken control of the car from her. He admits that when she resisted, he physically attacked her.

USA Lane, according to McAndrews, told Wright "to get out of Bentley's life" and that he would take action against Wright if he further interfered with Government witness Bentley in any respect. As a result, Wright turned over the car keys and automobile to Miss Bentley and in so far as is known at this time is complying with the United States Attorney's instructions.

Mr. McAndrews said that Wright has a criminal record for assault in Connecticut. I requested that he prepare an over-all letter on this entire incident for record purposes and in it provide sufficient background on Wright so that we could check our files here on him.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 16, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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Attention: Assistant Director A. H. Belmont

On the afternoon of May 7, 1952, ELIZABETH BENTLEY personally appeared at the New York Office and advised that she wanted to discuss a very personal problem.

Miss BENTLEY related that about a week ago she had informed AUSA ROY CORN that she would be unable to keep a scheduled appearance with the Subversive Activities Control Board in view of the fact that she had had an accident in her home which resulted in her face being rather badly cut and swollen. She stated that this was not true, and that as a matter of fact on April 30, 1952, she had been assaulted by her handyman, JOHN BURGHARDT WRIGHT...

By way of explanation Miss BENTLEY stated that in November, 1951, some time after she had purchased a home in Madison, Connecticut, she found that because of her lecture tours and other outside activities it was necessary for her to have someone help her in running her household. She employed WRIGHT, who is married to ELIZABETH PIERCE WRIGHT and who resides on the Post Road at Madison, Connecticut, as a handyman. His employment was satisfactory up until the early part of March, 1952, when she discovered that WRIGHT had been charging liquor to her account and was otherwise acting as if he were one of the household rather than just an employee. She was about to discharge him when she was stricken with "black influenza" and was confined to her bed for a period of a month.

Miss BENTLEY stated that on April 27, 1952, she had a speaking engagement in Toledo, Ohio. After fulfilling this engagement she returned to New York City, and on April 30 she called WRIGHT and asked him to meet her at the railroad station in New Haven, Connecticut. He met her as prearranged, and when they were about a mile or so out of New Haven en route to Madison, she observed that his driving was not too steady and she got the impression that WRIGHT had been on a prolonged drinking spree. She related that she then took the wheel, and after driving another mile or so WRIGHT grabbed the wheel and turned off the ignition. When she finally got the car stopped she asked WRIGHT why he was tampering with the automobile while it was moving, and he said nothing, but hit her on the side of the face and chin with such force that she temporarily blacked out, and when she came to she found herself on the side of the road outside of the automobile. She attempted to run to the nearest home for assistance, but WRIGHT grabbed her, put her back in the automobile, and drove her to her home in Madison.

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The next day Miss BENTLEY requested WRIGHT to drive her to New York City, which he did. She then went to Dr. SAMUEL GROOPMAN, who has his office in the Latham Hotel which adjoins the Prince George Hotel on East 28th Street, where Miss BENTLEY lives while she is in New York City. According to both Dr. GROOPMAN and Miss BENTLEY, her condition was quite serious in view of the fact that as a result of the beating inflicted on her by WRIGHT several teeth on the left side of her face were loosened, two of her lower teeth had gone completely through the lower part of her face, and the cuts on the inside of her mouth had become infected.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she wanted very much to return to her home in Madison, but because of her fear of WRIGHT, wanted to have two agents assigned as bodyguards in order that WRIGHT might not continue to annoy her or inflict bodily harm upon her.

The Bureau was telephonically advised of the above facts, and at the suggestion of the Bureau these facts were made known to USA MYLES LANE. USA LANE advised that since AUSA ROY COHN had handled Miss BENTLEY in the past, he was going to assign this matter to him.

On May 12, 1952, AUSA ROY COHN advised that he had made an appointment with Miss BENTLEY's Doctor for that evening, and requested that an agent of this office familiar with the BENTLEY case accompany him. Again on the advice of the Bureau, an agent of this office did accompany COHN, but merely as an observer.

Upon arriving at the Doctor's office it was observed that not only Dr. GROOPMAN was in his suite, but Miss BENTLEY and Lady ARMSTRONG were also present. By way of explanation, Lady ARMSTRONG is an American who is the widow of an English nobleman who made a substantial fortune in the United States. Since her husband's demise Lady ARMSTRONG, who is a personal friend of FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN and Bishop FULTON SHEEN, has spent a great deal of her time and money in assisting individuals such as Miss BENTLEY in becoming rehabilitated. Lady ARMSTRONG has been a friend of, and has assisted Miss BENTLEY, since shortly after her break with the Communists in November of 1945.

Dr. GROOPMAN advised that Miss BENTLEY was in a state of nervous shock as a result of the assault by WRIGHT, and that he was of the definite opinion that Miss BENTLEY should have nothing further to do with this individual. Lady ARMSTRONG was of the same opinion, but Miss BENTLEY, who was observed to be in a very highly emotional state, pointed out that she desired to return to her home in Madison if something could be done to definitely assure her that WRIGHT would not annoy her in the future.

On May 13, 1952, a conference was held in the office of USA MYLES LANE, at which were present AUSA ROY COHN, Miss BENTLEY, and an agent of this

office. MYLES LANE advised that it was his intention to issue a subpoena for WRIGHT to call him into his office and obtain an explanation of all details concerning the assault, and to "lay down the law to WRIGHT." Miss BENTLEY volunteered that she would be able to call WRIGHT on the telephone and ask him to come to New York to pick her up on May 14, and at that time the subpoena could be served and he could be interrogated by Mr. LANE. This was done, and on May 14 Miss BENTLEY was taken to her home in Madison, Connecticut, and services of a locksmith were obtained in New Haven who changed all the locks on Miss BENTLEY's doors. Later that evening her automobile, which WRIGHT had driven to New York, was returned to her by WRIGHT.

Of possible significance in this entire episode is the fact that while Miss BENTLEY was in New York recovering, JOHN WRIGHT took it upon himself to go to Miss BENTLEY's insurance agent in Madison and obtain some forms which he wanted her to fill out indicating that the injury she suffered was the result of an accident she had in her residence which was covered by an insurance policy she maintained. These forms were sent by WRIGHT to Dr. GROOPMAN, but Dr. GROOPMAN stated that he of course would not be a party to an action of this kind. Miss BENTLEY stated that she would not press this claim, and is going to make some excuse to the insurance company as to why she is not pressing it.

The following is a summary of the conversation had between USA MYLES LANE and JOHN WRIGHT in connection with the subpoena issued for his appearance before the Grand Jury:

Mr. LANE advised WRIGHT that he in turn had been advised by Miss BENTLEY that WRIGHT was harassing her and that on one occasion he had used physical violence on her. Mr. LANE asked WRIGHT for his explanation, and WRIGHT in some detail advised that he commenced working for Miss BENTLEY in August, 1951, and acted in the capacity of chauffeur and caretaker for her. He related that a week or so ago he met Miss BENTLEY at New Haven at about 6:18 p.m. one evening, and although it was dinner time Miss BENTLEY insisted on having several drinks. WRIGHT related that in his past experience, and because of statements made on this occasion by Miss BENTLEY, he knew that she had been using barbiturates and other drugs which she has on prescription. He stated they consumed \$13.50 worth of liquor in a respectable restaurant in New Haven. Upon leaving the restaurant, according to WRIGHT, Miss BENTLEY insisted on driving home, and in the course of this WRIGHT in the vicinity of Branford, Connecticut, became nervous over the manner in which Miss BENTLEY was operating the car and gradually brought the car over to the right hand side of the road and stopped. Thereafter he removed the keys and announced to Miss BENTLEY that he was going to drive the rest of the way. WRIGHT said Miss BENTLEY objected, and when he refused to return the keys to her she struck him across the face with her gloves, which were trimmed with buckles. WRIGHT stated that due possibly to the influence of the drinks he "blew his cork and hit her with a right cross." He said she fell out of the car and then he got out of the car,



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crossed around, and assisted her back in. WRIGHT stated that he then drove on to Madison.

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Director, FBI

May 16, 1952

SAC, New York (65-14603)

GREGORY  
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Attention: Assistant Director A. H. Belmont

On the afternoon of May 7, 1952, ELIZABETH BENTLEY personally appeared at the New York Office and advised that she wanted to discuss a very personal problem.

Miss BENTLEY related that about a week ago she had informed AUSA ROY COHN that she would be unable to keep a scheduled appearance with the Subversive Activities Control Board in view of the fact that she had had an accident in her home which resulted in her face being rather badly cut and swollen. She stated that this was not true, and that as a matter of fact on April 30, 1952, she had been assaulted by her handyman, JOHN BURGHARDT WRIGHT.

By way of explanation Miss BENTLEY stated that in November, 1951, some time after she had purchased a home in Madison, Connecticut, she found that because of her lecture tours and other outside activities it was necessary for her to have someone help her in running her household. She employed WRIGHT, who is married to ELIZABETH PIERCE WRIGHT and who resides on the Post Road at Madison, Connecticut, as a handyman. His employment was satisfactory up until the early part of March, 1952, when she discovered that WRIGHT had been charging liquor to her account and was otherwise acting as if he were one of the household rather than just an employee. She was about to discharge him when she was stricken with "black influenza" and was confined to her bed for a period of a month.

Miss BENTLEY stated that on April 27, 1952, she had a speaking engagement in Toledo, Ohio. After fulfilling this engagement she returned to New York City, and on April 30 she called WRIGHT and asked him to meet her at the railroad station in New Haven, Connecticut. He met her as prearranged, and when they were about a mile or so out of New Haven en route to Madison, she observed that his driving was not too steady and she got the impression that WRIGHT had been on a prolonged drinking spree. She related that she then took the wheel, and after driving another mile or so WRIGHT grabbed the wheel and turned off the ignition. When she finally got the car stopped she asked WRIGHT why he was tampering with the automobile while it was moving, and he said nothing, but hit her on the side of the face and chin with such force that she temporarily blacked out, and when she came to she found herself on the side of the road outside of the automobile. She attempted to run to the nearest home for assistance, but WRIGHT grabbed her, put her back in the automobile, and drove her to her home in Madison.

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The next day Miss BENTLEY requested WRIGHT to drive her to New York City, which he did. She then went to Dr. SAMUEL GROOPMAN, who has his office in the Latham Hotel which adjoins the Prince George Hotel on East 28th Street, where Miss BENTLEY lives while she is in New York City. According to both Dr. GROOPMAN and Miss BENTLEY, her condition was quite serious in view of the fact that as a result of the beating inflicted on her by WRIGHT several teeth on the left side of her face were loosened, two of her lower teeth had gone completely through the lower part of her face, and the cuts on the inside of her mouth had become infected.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she wanted very much to return to her home in Madison, but because of her fear of WRIGHT, wanted to have two agents assigned as bodyguards in order that WRIGHT might not continue to annoy her or inflict bodily harm upon her.

The Bureau was telephonically advised of the above facts, and at the suggestion of the Bureau these facts were made known to USA MYLES LANE. USA LANE advised that since AUSA ROY COHN had handled Miss BENTLEY in the past, he was going to assign this matter to him.

On May 12, 1952, AUSA ROY COHN advised that he had made an appointment with Miss BENTLEY's Doctor for that evening, and requested that an agent of this office familiar with the BENTLEY case accompany him. Again on the advice of the Bureau, an agent of this office did accompany COHN, but merely as an observer.

Upon arriving at the Doctor's office it was observed that not only Dr. GROOPMAN was in his suite, but Miss BENTLEY and Lady ARMSTRONG were also present. By way of explanation, Lady ARMSTRONG is an American who is the widow of an English nobleman who made a substantial fortune in the United States. Since her husband's demise Lady ARMSTRONG, who is a personal friend of FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN and Bishop FULTON SHEEN, has spent a great deal of her time and money in assisting individuals such as Miss BENTLEY in becoming rehabilitated. Lady ARMSTRONG has been a friend of, and has assisted Miss BENTLEY, since shortly after her break with the Communists in November of 1945.

Dr. GROOPMAN advised that Miss BENTLEY was in a state of nervous shock as a result of the assault by WRIGHT, and that he was of the definite opinion that Miss BENTLEY should have nothing further to do with this individual. Lady ARMSTRONG was of the same opinion, but Miss BENTLEY, who was observed to be in a very highly emotional state, pointed out that she desired to return to her home in Madison if something could be done to definitely assure her that WRIGHT would not annoy her in the future.

On May 13, 1952, a conference was held in the office of USA MYLES LANE, at which were present AUSA ROY COHN, Miss BENTLEY, and an agent of this

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office. MYLES LANE advised that it was his intention to issue a subpoena for WRIGHT to call him into his office and obtain an explanation of all details concerning the assault, and to "lay down the law to WRIGHT." Miss BENTLEY volunteered that she would be able to call WRIGHT on the telephone and ask him to come to New York to pick her up on May 14, and at that time the subpoena could be served and he could be interrogated by Mr. LANE. This was done, and on May 14 Miss BENTLEY was taken to her home in Madison, Connecticut, and services of a locksmith were obtained in New Haven who changed all the locks on Miss BENTLEY's doors. Later that evening her automobile, which WRIGHT had driven to New York, was returned to her by WRIGHT.

Of possible significance in this entire episode is the fact that while Miss BENTLEY was in New York recovering, JOHN WRIGHT took it upon himself to go to Miss BENTLEY's insurance agent in Madison and obtain some forms which he wanted her to fill out indicating that the injury she suffered was the result of an accident she had in her residence which was covered by an insurance policy she maintained. These forms were sent by WRIGHT to Dr. GROOPMAN, but Dr. GROOPMAN stated that he of course would not be a party to an action of this kind. Miss BENTLEY stated that she would not press this claim, and is going to make some excuse to the insurance company as to why she is not pressing it.

The following is a summary of the conversation had between USA MYLES LANE and JOHN WRIGHT in connection with the subpoena issued for his appearance before the Grand Jury:

Mr. LANE advised WRIGHT that he in turn had been advised by Miss BENTLEY that WRIGHT was harassing her and that on one occasion he had used physical violence on her. Mr. LANE asked WRIGHT for his explanation, and WRIGHT in some detail advised that he commenced working for Miss BENTLEY in August, 1951, and acted in the capacity of chauffeur and caretaker for her. He related that a week or so ago he met Miss BENTLEY at New Haven at about 6:18 p.m. one evening, and although it was dinner time Miss BENTLEY insisted on having several drinks. WRIGHT related that in his past experience, and because of statements made on this occasion by Miss BENTLEY, he knew that she had been using barbiturates and other drugs which she has on prescription. He stated they consumed \$13.50 worth of liquor in a respectable restaurant in New Haven. Upon leaving the restaurant, according to WRIGHT, Miss BENTLEY insisted on driving home, and in the course of this WRIGHT in the vicinity of Branford, Connecticut, became nervous over the manner in which Miss BENTLEY was operating the car and gradually brought the car over to the right hand side of the road and stopped. Thereafter he removed the keys and announced to Miss BENTLEY that he was going to drive the rest of the way. WRIGHT said Miss BENTLEY objected, and when he refused to return the keys to her she struck him across the face with her gloves, which were trimmed with buckles. WRIGHT stated that due possibly to the influence of the drinks he "blew his cork and hit her with a right cross." He said she fell out of the car and then he got out of the car,

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SAC, New York (65-14603)

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Director, FBI (65-56402)

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A review of Bufiles under the name of John Burghardt Wright has been made without locating any information which could be identified with the individual in question. A search was made of the records of the Identification Division and the following information was located under FBI #3232696:

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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DATE: July 10, 1952

Attention: Assistant Director A. H. Belmont

*Elizabeth Terrill Bentley*

On July 3, 1952, AUSA ROY COHN advised this office that he recently had a long conversation with ELIZABETH BENTLEY in connection with her testimony in the forthcoming REMINGTON case. At that time BENTLEY pointed out to COHN that she was in rather desperate financial straits. She indicated that it would be necessary for her to obtain some money in some fashion or other in order to carry her through the Summer, or, failing that, she would have to obtain a position of some kind. COHN gathered from Miss BENTLEY's conversation that she needed approximately \$1,000.

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EXPEDITE PROCESSING

On July 8, 1952, Miss BENTLEY contacted the New York Office and reiterated the conversation she had had with ROY COHN as outlined above. However, no mention was made by Miss BENTLEY of any specific amount of money.

On the morning of July 10th, Miss BENTLEY personally appeared at the New York Office. She advised that on July 9th she had had a long consultation with her doctor, as a result of which he informed her that it is his opinion that she should sell her house in Connecticut and move to New York City. His reason, she said, was that her health was such that she could not handle the work of maintaining this house. She related she also had the added burden of

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obtaining gainful employment and that if she was successful in obtaining work in or near her home it would be impossible to work and maintain her residence. She also declared that she is faced with a severe financial problem, indicating that she owes approximately \$600. This money includes doctor bills, household expenses, a past due fuel oil bill of \$100, and other miscellaneous bills, all of which total up to about \$600. She stated that she has only \$150 in cash at the present time and has no hope of obtaining any additional funds unless she obtains employment. She stated that it is her present plan to put her house up for sale immediately but that knowing the real estate conditions in Madison, Connecticut, she feels quite certain she will not be able to finally dispose of the property for a month or two. In connection with her obtaining employment, she stated that she has been in contact with Bishop FULTON SHEEN and Lady ARM-STRONG, the latter a prominent Catholic laywoman, but they have so far been unable to assist her. She also has contacted other people who have been friendly to her but to date has been unable to secure assistance from them in obtaining employment.

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Director, FBI

July 10, 1952

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MR. J. D. DONOHUE

SAC, New York (65-14503)

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ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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PERSONAL ATTENTION -  
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Based upon the recommendation in your memorandum of July 10, 1952, authorization is granted to pay Bentley \$50 a week, effective July 15, 1952, for a period of three months. Thereafter, your recommendation should be submitted relative to any further payments.

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TO : A. H. BELMONT

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FROM : W. A. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

PURPOSE: RE: MURDER, L L I Z I B E N T L E Y T.

The New York Office has recommended that Elizabeth Bentley be paid \$50 a week as a confidential source of their office. Bentley, who is pressed financially, has been a valuable informant and source of information over the past 6½ years, and it is anticipated she will continue to provide reliable and valuable information. A memorandum is attached, authorizing the New York Office to pay her \$50 a week for a three-month period, effective July 15, 1952.

DETAILS:

In the attached memorandum dated July 10, 1952, from the New York Office, it was pointed out that Elizabeth Bentley has contacted both the New York Office and Assistant U. S. Attorney Roy Cohn regarding her rather desperate financial straits. She indicated it would be necessary for her to obtain money in some fashion in order to carry her through the summer, and she indicated she needed about \$1,000.

Bentley is one of the principal witnesses in the Remington case which will be tried during the fall of 1952. As you know, she has frequently appeared in the past in connection with other trials and before Federal Grand Juries and Congressional Committees. This makes it difficult for her to obtain steady employment and at the same time make various appearances for the government.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Cohn has been able to give her some assistance, arranging to get her \$25 a day as an expert witness, and helping her in adjusting, through his personal accountant, her income tax situation.

You will recall that Bentley has been contacted by our agents on almost a steady basis since November, 1945. During this period, she has never been reimbursed as an informant or source of information, and has never asked for any money with the exception that in the spring of this year, we made arrangements for her to get the \$2,000 which she had received from her Soviet espionage superior and which she had turned over to us. It is contemplated that it will be necessary for our agents to continue contacting Elizabeth Bentley in view of the fact that we are continuing our efforts to identify certain unknown subjects with whom she had contact and because we are attempting to identify documents abstracted by Soviet agents in the government delivered to Bentley for transmittal to the Soviet Union. We also contact her periodically

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in order to determine whether she can furnish information concerning various persons who are of interest to us in our investigation of Soviet espionage.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that Bentley has been a valuable informant and source of information over the past 6½ years, and it is anticipated she will continue to provide reliable and valuable information, there is attached a memorandum to the New York Office, authorizing that she be paid \$50 a week for a period of three months, effective July 15, 1952.

OK.  
H.  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD  
 FROM : A. H. BELMONT  
 SUBJECT : ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: August 29, 1952

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SAC Joseph Casper called from New Haven at approximately 4:45 pm, August 29, 1952, to advise that the Connecticut State Police, Westbrook Barracks, had contacted him telephonically to advise that Elizabeth Bentley is under arrest by the Connecticut State Police for hit and run driving. Apparently, Miss Bentley was taking someone to the railroad station and hit another car, causing very little damage. However, she did not stop. The owner of the other car made out a complaint, as a result of which she was arrested. According to the Police, originally she admitted that she had hit the other car but was in a hurry to get to the railroad station and, therefore, did not stop. She later denied to the Police that she had hit the other car. Miss Bentley got on the telephone after the police had called Casper and said that she had been driving from her home to the railroad station to put some friends on the train; that she had cut in rather sharply but did not know she had hit the other car; that no one had tooted the horn at her; and she had proceeded to the railroad station. She wanted Mr. Casper to take action on her behalf. He suggested she get an attorney, but she refused. She insisted that something be done for her, whereupon Casper advised her there was nothing he could do and that she should get an attorney.

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Mr. Casper later talked to the Lieutenant of Police and advised him of Bentley's identity. The Lieutenant said he guessed the case would cause publicity; therefore, he was going to immediately contact Commissioner Hickey. He inquired whether Casper wanted to make any recommendation. Casper told him to handle the matter the same as he would any other case; that he had no recommendation whatsoever to make.

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I told Casper to send a teletype with the details of this matter to the Bureau and to New York, and further, to call New York and advise them of this incident in order that New York could inform the United States Attorney, as Bentley is a potential witness in the Remington case to be re-tried in the near future. I told him to tell New York that as far as the Bureau is concerned, we could take no action to assist Bentley, and if the United States Attorney took any action, it was on his own initiative and responsibility.

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At 5:30 p.m. Supervisor Tom Spencer called me from New York to advise that New Haven had furnished him this information and that he had furnished it in turn to Assistant United States Attorney Roy Cohn. Cohn stated that in view of the Remington case he thought some action should be taken. Spencer told him that the Bureau could not take any action and that any action that Cohn took would be on his own initiative and responsibility. Cohn thereupon called Commissioner Hickey and advised him that he felt two things should be done, first, that the matter should be kept quiet and out of the newspapers and second, that Hickey should arrange to get her released from jail as soon as possible.

At 6:00 p.m. Mr. Spencer advised that Mr. Cohn had again called him. Commissioner Hickey told Cohn that inasmuch as the property damage was only \$25 Hickey had called the prosecuting official in Connecticut who had waived bond and consequently Bentley has been released. Her hearing is set for September 6. Hickey further advised Cohn that he would make every attempt to keep this matter quiet so that it would not reach the press.

Mr. Spencer stressed the fact that any action taken in this matter has been by Cohn and that Cohn fully understands that the Bureau had not and was not recommending any action. Mr. Spencer is sending in a letter with full details on this.

The handling of this matter by JHS was proper. ✓

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Mr. Glavin  
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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK

ATTENTION ASST. DIRECTOR

A. BELMONT

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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 FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)  
 SUBJECT: GREGORY  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: September 4, 1952

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 re Remington*

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BEAUMONT

DATE: September 22, 1952

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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Supervisor Tom McAndrews called from New York on the morning of September 22. He advised that on Sunday, September 21, Elizabeth Bentley had called the New York Office from her home in Madison, Connecticut. She stated she was ill and needed a physician. She said she wanted to get into New York because her doctor there was the only one who could relieve her condition. Two Agents from New York picked up Bentley and took her into New York and left her at the Prince George Hotel, after calling Dr. Samuel Groopman, her physician, at her request, and making arrangements for him to visit her.

McAndrews stated it was apparent to the Agents that Bentley had been drinking and it is the opinion of the Agents, based on past knowledge of Bentley and her conversations on September 21, that she may be slipping mentally.

As you know, Bentley is scheduled to be a witness in the Remington trial and, of course, is a potential witness in a number of cases presently being handled by the Bureau. McAndrews requested authority to advise Special Assistant to the Attorney General Roy Cohn, who has in the past been assigned to handle Bentley in her appearances before the courts in New York, and also Myles Lane, the U. S. Attorney, as to developments on September 21.

## ACTION:

I told Supervisor McAndrews to go ahead and notify Cohn and Lane. I told him he should maintain contact with the U. S. Attorney's office to determine what, if anything, they do about this present situation of Bentley's, and to keep the Bureau advised of developments.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)  
SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 9/26/52

Re NY letters to Bureau 7/10/52, 9/4/52 and Bulet  
7/16/52.

As set out in New York letter of 7/10/52, ELIZABETH BENTLEY had incurred debts of approximately \$600 and had requested assistance from AUSA COHN of the SDNY to help her pay these debts. Upon receipt of my letter 7/10/52, the Bureau authorized payment of \$50 per week to Miss BENTLEY. These payments have been made regularly to her. However, it appears that she has been using this money merely for her current living expenses and has made no substantial effort to liquidate any of the above mentioned debts.

In this regard, it might be noted that Mr. COHN, in requesting that Bureau lend some financial assistance to Miss BENTLEY, left the impression in her mind that she was to receive a lump sum payment of approximately \$1,000. As is indicated in my letter of July 10, it was considered unwise to make a lump sum payment to Miss BENTLEY inasmuch as it is felt that she was improvident and a lump sum payment would be quickly spent by her and she would again make demands on Mr. COHN and the Bureau for additional funds.

During the time that she has been receiving the \$50 payments, Miss BENTLEY has been constantly referring to the supposed lump sum payment which she believed was to be forthcoming from Mr. COHN, and has, on various occasions, been in contact with Mr. COHN in an effort to obtain payment of this lump sum. No promise of any lump sum of any amount has been made to BENTLEY by this office.

On September 11, 1952, she had an interview with Mr. COHN and he requested her to submit to him an itemized list of her indebtedness. This was not forthcoming from Miss BENTLEY.

Following a series of events, the nature of which will be set forth below, Miss BENTLEY has been in New York City for the past several days. She again contacted Mr. COHN on 9/23/52 and again made demands of him that a lump sum payment be made to her in order that she might pay the aforementioned debts.

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Following this conversation with Mr. COHN, Miss BENTLEY contacted Special Agent GALLAHER and advised him that Mr. COHN had indicated to her that the matter would be taken care of.

On 9/25/52, Mr. COHN contacted SA LESTER O. GALLAHER and asked if the Bureau could make arrangements for a lump sum payment of \$200 to Miss BENTLEY together with advance of about \$600 on the \$50 weekly payments she has been receiving. He was advised that there was considerable doubt as to the possibility of this. On the same date Miss BENTLEY contacted SA GALLAHER, having been unable to reach Mr. COHN, and reiterated that she urgently needed the lump payment which she believes was promised to her by Mr. COHN in order that she could satisfy her creditors, and she felt that this, together with the \$50 weekly payments, would give her the necessary peace of mind so that she would be a satisfactory witness in the forthcoming retrial of WILLIAM REMINGTON.

At that time she furnished the following itemized list of her indebtedness:

Jolly's Drug Store, Madison, Conn.	\$216.00
Dr. SAMUEL GROOPMAN	230.00 (app.)
Socony Gas Co. for fuel, oil and gas	18.70
PRIMOFF & PRIMOFF, Accountants (income tax advice)	125.00
Electric Bill	18.00
Milk bill	4.16
Telephone bill	10.00 (or more)
Mortgage and Tax payments	51.00 (monthly)
	<u>\$672.86</u>

In addition she advised she owes \$3800 in income taxes, for which she has made no demands. She advised that so far she has been engaged for five lectures during the forthcoming winter for which she is to be paid \$300 each. She stated that LADY ARMSTRONG, (whose identity is known to the Bureau) is attempting to obtain employment for her at Mt. St. Vincent's and Manhattanville, both of which are Catholic girls' schools. If she obtains this employment, the work will consist of a series of lectures at both schools which would require that she stay in New York City three or four days during each week and would permit her to return to her residence in Madison, Conn., over week-ends. She stated that as yet she has received no indication as to the amount of salary she would be paid for this work.

Letter to Director  
NY 65-14603

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## OBSERVATIONS

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#### ACTION

Mr. Hennrich authorized McAndrews to tell Cohn that we would arrange to have Agents meet Bentley and take her from New Haven to her home in Madison. He told McAndrews to tell Cohn that we could not and would not act as a nursemaid to Bentley. He told him to suggest to Cohn that if Bentley is destitute that it might be that the USA could pay her consultant's fee or expert witness' fee in connection with her appearance in New York City.

McAndrews later called and advised that Cohn had arranged, from a source whose identity he did not disclose, to obtain sufficient money for her to rent an automobile and that she was going to rent a car to drive back home to Connecticut and to use for an unspecified period. The Agents took Bentley to midtown Manhattan where she desired to go and where she said she was going to rent a car.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT  
 FROM : MR. C. E. HENRICH  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

DATE: October 6, 1952

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I talked with ASAC Whelan in New York on October 6, 1952, regarding New York letter dated September 26, 1952, entitled "Gregory; Espionage - R." I pointed out that while the New York Office has set forth a resume of some of the problems which have arisen in connection with the handling of the informant, Elizabeth T. Bentley, they have not made any specific recommendations, although they posed to the Bureau the problem as to whether continuation should be made of the payment of \$50. a week to Bentley or whether a lump sum payment should be made to her, at the same time emphasizing her value as a witness in the Remington, Browder, Katz, and other cases.

I instructed Mr. Whelan to have someone bring the information as to Bentley up to date and to analyze her value as a witness. I pointed out that the NYO has the responsibility of handling Bentley and controlling her. I asked that specific recommendations be made by the NYO as to our financial handling of Bentley in the future and also as to the control of her activities so that she may be available as a witness in cases where her presence is necessary.

## ACTION:

Upon the receipt of New York's memorandum, it will be carefully analyzed and appropriate recommendations will be made.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)  
SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 10/8/52

ReNY let 9/26/52 and telephone call between Inspector Carl Hennrich of the Bureau and ASAC William M. Whelan on 10/7/52.

The \$50 weekly payment to ELIZABETH BENTLEY, which the Bureau has authorized, expires 10/15/52. Miss BENTLEY has advised that her creditors are making a definite effort to collect the money which she owes. An itemized list of her indebtedness is set forth on page two of referenced New York letter.

Insofar as this office is concerned, it is believed that two alternative suggestions can be made to assist Miss BENTLEY in a financial way in order to assure that she will be a favorable government witness in the coming REMINGTON retrial and other matters in which the Bureau may desire to utilize her services. It is felt that if the Bureau could allocate \$500 towards the payment of her bill with Jolly's Drug Store at Madison, Conn., Dr. SAMUEL GROOPMAN, and PRIMOFF & PRIMOFF, Accountants, and continue for another three-month period to pay her a weekly sum of \$50, this would be one way of getting her out of her financial difficulties. Another possibility is suggested in that we increase her payment from \$50 to \$100 a week for a period of three months with a definite understanding with Miss BENTLEY that at least \$50 be paid to her various creditors.

Due to Miss BENTLEY's improvidence, it is felt that if the Bureau sees fit to pay her the sum of \$500, that this money should be given to her only upon her promise to tender to this Bureau a receipted bill from the individuals to whom she is indebted. Likewise, if her payment is increased from \$50 to \$100 a week, it is felt Miss BENTLEY should furnish this office a financial statement at the end of each month showing exactly how much of the \$100 weekly payment has been used to decrease her indebtedness.

This office is well aware of the economy measures which must be enforced by everyone in the Bureau at this time, and it is with great reluctance that the above recommendations are made, which will affect in some way the Bureau's financial situation. However, in view of the strict circumstances surrounding this informant, there does not appear to be any other way to handle this matter at least at the present time.

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Let to New York  
10/22/52 R  
Memo to Belmont  
10/15/52 R

SAC, New York (65-14603)

October 22, 1952

Director, FBI (65-564982)

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

134-435-69

The Bureau will authorize you to continue the \$50.00 a week payments to Elizabeth Bentley, effective October 15, 1952, for a period not to exceed three months. Thereafter you should submit your recommendation relative to continuing these payments and you should analyze Bentley's future value as a source of information.

The Bureau is also authorizing you to make a \$500.00 lump sum payment to Elizabeth Bentley for past services. You should insure that this money is utilized by Bentley in handling her current indebtedness which is causing her serious financial difficulties at the present time.

It is incumbent upon your office to exercise control of Elizabeth Bentley. It would appear that we have experienced more difficulty with her since she became a paid informant than during the period she was volunteering her cooperation. You should make sure that she understands we are not going to continue indefinitely to put up with her running to us for assistance every time she finds herself in financial or other difficulties. You should inform her that any further trouble may necessitate our terminating any further weekly payments to her.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT  
FROM : MR. W. A. BRANIGAN  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

DATE: October 15, 1952

PURPOSE

To recommend that the New York Office be authorized to continue the \$50.00 a week payments to Elizabeth Bentley for a period not to exceed three months. It is also recommended that a \$500.00 lump sum payment be made to Elizabeth Bentley for past services which will relieve her current indebtedness which is causing her considerable worry and is jeopardizing our use of her as a source of information.

DETAILS

The New York Office has had considerable difficulty with Bentley recently. She has been involved in two automobile accidents. She has become increasingly neurotic, hard to handle, and is drinking heavily.

On the other hand you will recall that Bentley has been contacted by our agents on an almost steady basis since November, 1945. Until July of 1952, she had never been reimbursed as an informant or source of information and had never asked for any money with the exception that in the spring of this year we made arrangements for her to get the \$2,000.00 which she had received from her Soviet Espionage superior and which she had turned over to us. Starting on July 15, 1952, we began paying her \$50.00 a week, and we are utilizing her as a source of information on a wide variety of matters. Bentley is one of the principal witnesses in the Remington case which will be tried this fall. We are currently making efforts to return Joseph Katz to the United States and any prosecution of Katz would be based to a large

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extent on Bentley's testimony. If Katz were cooperative, his testimony and Bentley's testimony might enable a number of important prosecutions in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster group.

Bentley is heavily indebted at the present time, and the New York Office has recommended a payment to her in the sum of \$500.00 for past services, or in the alternative raising the weekly amount to her to the sum of \$100.00 a week. They feel that in this way she will be relieved of some of her financial worries which apparently are causing in part the neurotic attitude on her part.

#### RECOMMENDATION

There is attached for your approval a memorandum to the New York Office authorizing them to continue the weekly payments of \$50.00 to Bentley for a period of three months. Authorization to pay her \$500.00 for past services to be used by her in reducing her indebtedness is also being made. The New York Office is being informed that it is incumbent upon them to control Bentley and to reach an understanding with her that we are not going to continue to get her out of financial difficulties.

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#### ADDENDUM:

The question has been raised as to whether we would be able to justify our weekly payments of \$50.00 to Elizabeth Bentley if we were forced to reveal such payments in a court proceeding in the Remington case or other cases. It is felt our position can be justified as Bentley has provided and continues to provide important information on a number of cases, and her work for us takes up a considerable amount of her time as does her appearances before Federal Grand Juries and other legal proceedings.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: November 13, 1952

Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Laughlin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Re New Haven teletype to Bureau and New York, 8/29/52.

Lt. FRANCIS MANGAN, Commanding Officer, Westbrook Barracks, Connecticut State Police, advised that the case of evasion of responsibility against the above individual came up in the Westbrook Court on November 8, 1952, at which time the charge was changed to violation of the road. Lt. MANGAN advised that ELIZABETH BENTLEY was found guilty of failure to grant one-half of the highway. She pleaded nolo contendere, was fined \$2.00, which fine she paid.

Of interest to both the Bureau and New York, Lt. MANGAN furnished the following information on September 23, 1952, concerning the above individual. He stated that ELIZABETH BENTLEY was involved in another accident at 5:55 p.m. on September 15, 1952, on Route 79, just south of the rotary at North Madison, Conn. He related that BENTLEY ran off the road and caused considerable damage to her car which is now at Woody's Garage, Route 80, North Guilford, Conn.

No other car or person was involved, according to Lt. MANGAN. He stated that the accident was reported to the Madison, Conn. Police Department by an unknown man. The Madison Police Department conducted an investigation, made no arrests, and advised ELIZABETH BENTLEY's car was damaged beyond repair.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE

DATE: 1/16/53

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Remylet 9/26/52 and Bulet 10/22/52.

Rebulet authorized payment of \$50 a week to ELIZABETH BENTLEY effective 10/15/52, for a period not to exceed three months. This letter also authorized payment of a lump sum of \$500 to Miss BENTLEY. These payments have been made and proper receipts obtained.

In the last three months there has been a marked improvement in Miss BENTLEY's temperament and she has appeared to be much more stable in her demeanor. Also, since the date of my letter of 9/26/52 Miss BENTLEY has advised she has obtained temporary employment doing research work for ALFRED KUMBERG, 1 West 37 Street, New York City. However, inasmuch as this employment involves her staying in a hotel during the week and travel back and forth to her residence at Madison, Connecticut over the week-end, it is doubtful she is netting much more than living expenses from this job.

On 1/15/53, Miss BENTLEY appeared as a witness in the trial of WILLIAM REMINGTON in the Southern District of New York and conducted herself in a creditable fashion.

Inasmuch as it is believed that the services of Miss BENTLEY will be required in any possible action taken on JOSEPH KATZ and numerous other cases in which she is involved, it is recommended that the \$50 weekly payments be continued for another three-month period, at the end of which her financial situation will be reviewed with her and the Bureau advised concerning the desirability of continuing these payments.

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Director, FBI (65-56402)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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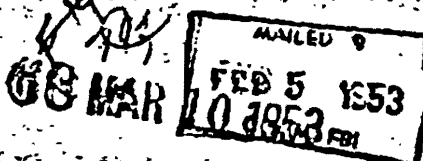
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Reurmemo dated January 16, 1953. You are authorized to continue payments to Bentley at the rate of \$50.00 a week for another three-month period.

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Note: Payments to Bentley as confidential source authorized on July 16, 1952, at \$50.00 per week and have been continued at that rate. We paid her in addition \$500.00 for past services on October 22, 1952, to relieve her of serious financial difficulties.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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NEW YORK, N.Y. FEB. 25, 1953

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, ESPOR. REBULET 2/3/53 AUTHORIZING \$50.00 WEEKLY  
PAYMENTS TO BENTLEY AND MYLET 2/5/53 ADVISING BUREAU TO DISREGARD REQUEST  
FOR THIS AUTHORIZATION. MISS BENTLEY'S DEPARTURE TO ASSUME TEACHING POSITION  
AT GRAND COTEAU, LOUISIANA, HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO AN ATTACK OF FLU NECES-  
SITATING HER CONFINEMENT TO A HOSPITAL IN NYC FOR FIVE DAYS. SHE IS PRESENTLY  
RECUPERATING AT MARTHA WASHINGTON HOTEL, NYC, AND EXPECTS HER DEPARTURE TO  
BE FURTHER DELAYED FOR APPROXIMATELY A WEEK. BEFORE HER DEPARTURE AGENTS OF  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Mr. Boardman

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NEW YORK, N.Y. FEB. 25, 1953

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SAO, Washington Field (101-2139)

March 9, 1953

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Director, FBI (65-14303)

MAURICE HYMAN HALPERIN  
ESPIONAGE - R

ReNYlet February 5, 1953, captioned  
"Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, Confidential Source;  
Maurice Hyman Halperin, Espionage - R, Internal  
Security - R," advising that Elizabeth Bentley  
had accepted a teaching position at the College  
of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, La., for which  
place she would depart within the next few days,  
and from which she intended to return to her  
home in Madison, Connecticut, at the end of the  
semester, about June 15, 1953.

Referenced letter pointed out the  
Bureau might desire to have Bentley review certain  
State Department material at Grand Coteau, La.,  
or might desire to postpone such review until  
Bentley returns to her home at the end of the  
semester.

Reference is made to Bureau letter  
dated January 29, 1953, instructing WFO to con-  
tact Mr. John W. Ford, Department of State, for  
the purpose of obtaining the material to be dis-  
played to Bentley.

In the event that WFO has already obtained  
the material in question, it would appear desirable  
that it be displayed promptly to Bentley at Grand  
Coteau, La. Further, even though this material has  
not yet been obtained from the State Department, the  
Bureau has no objection to its being obtained and  
promptly displayed to Bentley at Grand Coteau, La.,  
providing WFO has no reason for not doing this.

WFO requested to advise the status of this  
matter and its progress with respect thereto.

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SAC, New York (65-14603)

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

MAURICE HYMAN HALPERIN  
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Re New York letter 1/16/53 under the former caption  
and Washington Field letter 1/29/53 under the HALPERIN caption.

On her return from a lecture trip to Texas Miss E. T. BENTLEY advised today she was accepting a position to teach in the Romance Language Department of the College of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau, Louisiana. She intends to clear up some of her business and personal affairs in New York and Madison, Connecticut within the next few days and proceed immediately to Grand Coteau, La.

BENTLEY said Grand Coteau is near Lafayette, Louisiana, where she boarded the plane to come back to New York.

Miss BENTLEY said she will not sell her home in Madison, but will only close it up as she intends to return here at the end of the semester about 6/15/53. The College of the Sacred Heart is run by a religious order of nuns called Mothers of the Sacred Heart. Miss BENTLEY knows Mother LAPEYRE who is in charge of the college and she stopped off at Grand Coteau on the way back from Texas to see Mother LAPEYRE.

Mother LAPEYRE offered her a teaching position for the remainder of the current semester with the chance of remaining permanently on the staff if events this semester work out to their mutual satisfaction. BENTLEY said she intended to return to Madison, Conn. and New York City in June whether or not an agreement is reached for her to teach in the next school year at the college.

No mention was made of the status of future payments to Miss BENTLEY and she did not bring it up. It is requested that the Bureau disregard for the present the remarks concerning payments in New York letter of 1/16/53.

- 1 - New Orleans (Info) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Boston (100-255501) (Info) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Washington Field (101-2139) (Info) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - New Haven (134-40) (Info) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - New York (65-15641)

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Letter to Director

NY 65-14603

Rebulet dated 1/29/53 entitled, "MAURICE HYMAN HALPERIN" contained instructions to arrange to have BENTLEY view some material in the presence of an agent. In an earlier Washington Field letter of 10/21/52 it was estimated the project would take approximately 48 hours of actual perusal. In view of BENTLEY'S impending departure for Grand Coteau, La., where it is noted the school term has already begun, and because the material has not yet been obtained by Washington Field office, it is suggested that the Bureau may wish to make arrangements to have the material shown to BENTLEY in Grand Coteau, La. or to wait until the current school term is over and BENTLEY returns to the East.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD  
 FROM : A. H. BELMONT  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
 CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

DATE: March 16, 1953

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## SYNOPSIS

In the attached letter dated March 9, 1953, from John B. Wright, former caretaker for Bentley, he complains that during a conference (May 14, 1952) with United States Attorney Lane, Armand Chankalian, Administrative Assistant to U. S. Attorney, and a Special Agent of the FBI, the Agent was rude to him. The Bureau's files reflect Bentley had on May 7, 1952, advised the New York Office that on April 30, 1952, she had been assaulted by her handy man, Wright. Bentley received a rather serious beating from Wright. Upon telephonic instructions from the Bureau, the New York Office made these facts known to United States Attorney Lane and on May 14, 1952, Wright was subpoenaed to Lane's office and explained to Lane that on the occasion of striking Bentley, he had had some drinks before driving home and perhaps was influenced because of this. Lane cautioned Wright and advised him of the penalty he might suffer for interfering with a Government witness and he agreed he would terminate any further relationship with Bentley. Wright was left in possession of a grand jury subpoena marked on a continuing basis and was told if he interfered with Bentley in the future he would be recalled and brought before a grand jury to explain his actions. In a memorandum from the New York Office dated May 16, 1952, which is attached, the details concerning this matter were set forth. Special Agent John J. Danahy, who was present at the conference, states he was introduced to Wright by U. S. Attorney Lane, who did all the talking at the conference. Danahy states he at no time made any remarks to Wright of any kind. Wright has a criminal record, having been arrested by Connecticut State Police on May 14, 1934, for breaking and entering, and received six months' imprisonment, arrested May 7, 1938, by Police Department, Harrison, Connecticut, on aggravated assault and received three months' imprisonment. A doctor who examined Wright described him as below average mentally, and a braggart and an adolescent type.

Attachment

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\* Danahy denies whispering to Lane

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## RECOMMENDATION

In view of the fact that Wright admitted his assault on Bentley and has a criminal record, no action appears warranted in this matter and it is recommended that no acknowledgment of Wright's letter be made.

I agree no action  
against agent warranted  
since no rudeness proved,  
but recommend Wright  
be contacted by Agent  
advised of facts.

*Agree 3-17*  
*concur*

## DETAILS

There is attached a memorandum from John P. Wright of Madison, Connecticut, dated March 9, 1953, with which he enclosed a Photostat of a grand jury subpoena dated May 12, 1952, calling for his appearance on May 14, 1952, and indicating the subpoena was to remain in effect. In his letter, Wright complains that when subpoenaed there had been a conference attended by himself, by Wyles J. Lane, United States Attorney, by a Special Agent of the FBI, and by Armand Chankalian, whom Wright claims was introduced to him as foreman of the grand jury but who at that time was actually an Administrative Assistant to the U. S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York.

Wright states that the Special Agent of the FBI refused to identify himself but showed his credentials, was exceedingly rude and repeatedly whispered to Lane. Wright in his letter states he feels the Agent should be given a lesson or two in proper behavior and manners and were he an employee of Wright's, he would be fired instantly. The facts behind this instance are as follows:

On May 7, 1952, Elizabeth Bentley advised the New York Office that on April 30, 1952, she had been assaulted by her handy man, John Burghardt Wright. Her doctor described her condition as quite serious due to this beating. Several teeth on the left side of her face were loosened and there were cuts on the inside of her mouth which had become infected. Upon telephonic instructions from the Bureau, the

New York Office made these facts known to United States Attorney Lane who assigned the matter to Assistant United States Attorney Roy Cohn for handling on the basis that Bentley was a very important witness in a number of pending cases which were scheduled for trial or coming before a Federal Grand Jury, including the Remington case. It was also noted that Bentley had been an important witness in the Julius Rosenberg case which was still before the appellate court. On May 14, 1952, Wright was subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury but was brought instead to United States Attorney Lane's office where he was interviewed and Wright during the conference admitted that he had struck Bentley. Lane informed Wright of the penalty he could receive for interfering with a Government witness and Wright agreed he would terminate any further relationship with Miss Bentley. He was left with a grand jury subpoena which was marked on a continuing basis and was cautioned that any further association with Bentley would result in his being recalled and brought before a Federal Grand Jury to explain his actions.

In the attached memorandum dated May 16, 1952, from the New York Office, it is indicated that Wright was born December 18, 1897, at Worcester, Massachusetts. He was arrested by the Connecticut State Police on May 12, 1934, and was convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment. He was arrested on May 7, 1938, by the Police Department at Madison, Connecticut, for aggravated assault and was later sentenced to serve three months in prison. Dr. Samuel Groopman, Bentley's physician, who examined Wright on one occasion, commented that Wright was below average mentally, a braggart and an adolescent type. He felt that Wright intended physical harm to Bentley and there was no question in his mind that Bentley was afraid of Wright. It would appear doubtful from Dr. Groopman's description of Wright that he actually wrote the letter which has now been received at the Bureau and it would appear more likely that someone prepared this letter for him. It is also to be noted that he has waited almost a year to complain about the actions of our Agent. In view

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of the allegations concerning a Special Agent, Mr. Hennrich contacted ASAC Whelan at New York, and he advised on March 16, 1958, that the Agent at the conference was Special Agent John J. Danahy (EOD - 7-27-42, GS-13, \$8,360.00, NYFO). Danahy was present at the conference at the specific request of U. S. Attorney Lane. Danahy states the conference was of short duration, about thirty minutes in all, with Lane doing all the talking. Danahy was introduced to Wright by Lane, his name being given. Danahy did not exhibit any credentials as alleged by Wright. Danahy sat ten to fifteen feet from Lane and did not whisper to Lane, and he was not at any time rude to Wright, Lane having done all the talking.

Danahy states Armand Chankalian, then an Administrative Assistant to Lane, came in during the conference and listened to what took place but did not take an active part in the conference.

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials: "J", "J. J. Danahy", "J. J.", "J. J."]*

D. M. LADD

March 16, 1953

A. H. BELMONT

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

SYNOPSIS

In the attached letter dated March 9, 1953, from John B. Wright, former carstaker for Bentley, he complains that during a conference (May 14, 1952) with United States Attorney Lane, Armand Chankalian, Administrative Assistant to U. S. Attorney, and a Special Agent of the FBI, the Agent was rude to him. The Bureau's files reflect Bentley had on May 7, 1952, advised the New York Office that on April 30, 1952, she had been assaulted by her handy man, Wright. Bentley received a rather serious beating from Wright. Upon telephonic instructions from the Bureau, the New York Office made these facts known to United States Attorney Lane and on May 14, 1952, Wright was subpoenaed to Lane's office and explained to Lane that on the occasion of striking Bentley, he had had some drinks before driving home and perhaps was influenced because of this. Lane cautioned Wright and advised him of the penalty he might suffer for interfering with a Government witness and he agreed he would terminate any further relationship with Bentley. Wright was left in possession of a grand jury subpoena marked on a continuing basis and was told if he interfered with Bentley in the future he would be recalled and brought before a grand jury to explain his actions. In a memorandum from the New York Office dated May 16, 1952, which is attached, the details concerning this matter were set forth. Special Agent John J. Danahy, who was present at the conference, states he was introduced to Wright by U. S. Attorney Lane, who did all the talking at the conference. Danahy states he at no time made any remarks to Wright of any kind. Wright has a criminal record, having been arrested by Connecticut State Police on May 14, 1934, for breaking and entering and received six months' imprisonment; arrested May 7, 1938, by Police Department, Madison, Connecticut, on aggravated assault and received three months' imprisonment. A doctor who examined Wright described him as below average mentally and a braggart and an adolescent type.

Attachment

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### RECOMMENDATION

In view of the fact that Wright admitted his assault on Bentley and has a criminal record, no action appears warranted in this matter and it is recommended that no acknowledgment of Wright's letter be made.

### DETAILS

There is attached a memorandum from John B. Wright of Madison, Connecticut, dated March 9, 1953, with which he enclosed a Photostat of a grand jury subpoena dated May 12, 1952, calling for his appearance on May 14, 1952, and indicating the subpoena was to remain in effect. In his letter, Wright complains that when subpoenaed there had been a conference attended by himself, by Myles J. Lane, United States Attorney, by a Special Agent of the FBI, and by Armand Chankalian, whom Wright claims was introduced to him as foreman of the grand jury but who at that time was actually an Administrative Assistant to the U. S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York.

Wright states that the Special Agent of the FBI refused to identify himself but showed his credentials, was exceedingly rude and repeatedly whispered to Lane. Wright in his letter states he feels the Agent should be given a lesson or two in proper behavior and manners and were he an employee of Wright's, he would be fired instantly. The facts behind this instance are as follows:

On May 7, 1952, Elizabeth Bentley advised the New York Office that on April 30, 1952, she had been assaulted by her handy man, John Burghardt Wright. Her doctor described her condition as quite serious due to this beating. Several teeth on the left side of her face were loosened and there were cuts on the inside of her mouth which had become infected. Upon telephonic instructions from the Bureau, the



New York Office made these facts known to United States Attorney Lane who assigned the matter to Assistant United States Attorney Roy Cohn for handling on the basis that Bentley was a very important witness in a number of pending cases which were scheduled for trial or coming before a Federal Grand Jury, including the Remington case. It was also noted that Bentley had been an important witness in the Julius Rosenberg case which was still before the appellate court. On May 14, 1952, Wright was subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury but was brought instead to United States Attorney Lane's office where he was interviewed and Wright during the conference admitted that he had struck Bentley. Lane informed Wright of the penalty he could receive for interfering with a Government witness and Wright agreed he would terminate any further relationship with Miss Bentley. He was left with a grand jury subpoena which was marked on a continuing basis and was cautioned that any further association with Bentley would result in his being recalled and brought before a Federal Grand Jury to explain his actions.

In the attached memorandum dated May 16, 1952, from the New York Office, it is indicated that Wright was born December 18, 1897, at Worcester, Massachusetts. He was arrested by the Connecticut State Police on May 11, 1934, and was convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment. He was arrested on May 7, 1938, by the Police Department at Madison, Connecticut, for aggravated assault and was later sentenced to serve three months in prison. Dr. Samuel Groopman, Bentley's physician, who examined Wright on one occasion, commented that Wright was below average mentally, a braggart and an adolescent type. He felt that Wright intended physical harm to Bentley and there was no question in his mind that Bentley was afraid of Wright. It would appear doubtful from Dr. Groopman's description of Wright that he actually wrote the letter which has now been received at the Bureau and it would appear more likely that someone prepared this letter for him. It is also to be noted that he has waited almost a year to complain about the actions of our Agent. In view

of the allegations concerning a Special Agent, Mr. Hennrich contacted ASAC Whelan at New York, and he advised on March 18, 1953, that the Agent at the conference was Special Agent John J. Danahy (EOD - 7-27-42, GS-19, \$8,960.00, NYFO). Danahy was present at the conference at the specific request of U. S. Attorney Lane. Danahy states the conference was of short duration, about thirty minutes in all, with Lane doing all the talking. Danahy was introduced to Wright by Lane, his name being given. Danahy did not exhibit any credentials as alleged by Wright. Danahy sat ten to fifteen feet from Lane and did not whisper to Lane, and he was not at any time rude to Wright, Lane having done all the talking.

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Bureau files reflect that on 5-7-52 Elizabeth Bentley advised the New York Office that on 4-30-52 she had been assaulted by her handyman, John Burghardt Wright. Miss Bentley's condition was quite serious as a result of the beating inflicted on her by Wright. Upon telephonic instructions from the Bureau, the New York Office made these facts known to USA Myles Lane who assigned the matter to AUSA Roy Cohn. On 5-13-52 a conference was held in the office of USA Lane at which were present AUSA Cohn, Miss Bentley, and an agent of the New York Office. Wright was subpoenaed to USA Lane's office on 5-14-52 and explained to Lane that on the occasion of striking Miss Bentley he had had some drinks before driving her home and perhaps was influenced because of this. USA Lane then cautioned Wright and advised him of the penalty he might suffer for interfering with a Government witness, and he agreed that he would terminate any further relationship with Miss Bentley. Wright was left in possession of a Grand Jury subpoena which was marked on a continuing basis, and was cautioned by Lane that he, Wright, be reported as having any association with Bentley in the future, he would be recalled and brought before a Grand Jury to explain his actions. -- Attached is a memorandum from the New York Office dated 5-16-52 setting forth the above information. It will be noted that this memorandum bears the initials of TGS who may be identical with Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer.

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At a meeting indicated in the enclosed photostat,  
were present:

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Armand Chankalian and myself, John B. Wright.

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of a grand jury.

The Special Agent of the F.B.I. refused to identify  
himself to me. He showed us credentials, was exceedingly  
rude, and repeatedly whispered to Lane.

The meeting was not designed to hear information  
of section 1503, Title 18 USC as indicated on the subpoena.

It was designed as a "scare meeting" because of  
physical violence used by me upon one Elizabeth T. Bentley,  
a Communist and dangerous character.

Lane, apparently is no longer in the employ of  
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attended the meeting still is in your employ - he should  
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Very truly yours,

/s/ John B. Wright

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# JOHN WRIGHT

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YOU ARE COMMANDED and firmly enjoined that having all other matters aside and everything standing as you are, and appearing in our proper person before the Grand Inquest of the Body of the People in the United States of America, in the Southern District of New York at the District Court to be held at the U.S. Courthouse, Foley Square, Room 616, 14th Floor, City of New York, on and for the said Southern District on the Monday before with no less than 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the same day to testify all and everything which you may know in regard to an alleged violation of Section 1503 Title 18 USC on the part of the United States, and not to depart the Court without leave thereof, or the District Attorney.

AND THIS YOU OBEY OR TO OBEY Under penalty of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, and other penalties of the law.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4-10-53

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (80-2)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RESEARCH

For the information of the Bureau, former Special Agent JOHN E. LAWLER called me today and informed me that ELIZABETH BENTLEY has accepted an invitation to speak before the West End Catholic Men's Association, Richmond, Virginia on May 7, 1953. Lawler is Vice-President of this Association which is a large and influential Catholic men's association in the City of Richmond. He is, of course, aware of BENTLEY's former association with the Bureau and thought that the Bureau might possibly be interested in knowing that she was going to speak in Richmond on May 7, 1953.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
ESP-R

DATE: 4/10/53

As you are aware, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY is presently residing at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, where she is teaching Romance Languages at the College of the Sacred Heart. This letter is being forwarded in order that the New Orleans Office may be aware of some of the problems of handling Miss BENTLEY.

For the most part, she has been quite cooperative with the various Agents who have had occasion to contact her. However, she is somewhat of a hypochondriac and subject to periods of depression during which she feels extremely sorry for herself. In addition, she is somewhat improvident in the management of her personal funds and in the past has gotten herself rather heavily in debt. Her indebtedness has served to add to her depression on several occasions and this coupled with the fact that she is presently undergoing the menopause has at times made her difficult to handle. She is somewhat secretive concerning her personal affairs until such time as these affairs get her into difficulty, at which point she has been prone to call upon the Bureau to assist her in overcoming her difficulties.

For the most part, however, when she is not beset by her real and fancied worries, she is friendly and cooperative and relatively undemanding. It is hoped that with steady employment in an atmosphere where she is not under too much pressure she will be quite emotionally stable.

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There is being forwarded with this letter to New Orleans a photostatic copy of the report of SA THOMAS G. SPENCER, made at New York, 12/5/45.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : JEM S.O., New Orleans (#134-89)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY (g)  
ESP-R

DATE: May 1, 1953

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The following letter was received this date by the New Orleans Office from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New Orleans, regarding captioned individual:

"This office has been directed to contact ELIZABETH VERRILL BENTLEY with a view of ascertaining her potential value to this Service as a part-time consultant. She presently resides at Grand Coteau, Louisiana.

"Please advise if this proposed investigation will interfere with any investigative action you may be taking or contemplate taking in the near future."

No reply will be forwarded to I & N S, New Orleans, until instructions for same are furnished by the Bureau.

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Director, FBI (134-495)

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ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
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Reurmemo dated May 1, 1953, requesting advice on how to reply to a communication from the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New Orleans, indicating it is considering utilizing Bentley as a part-time consultant. You should inform the Immigration and Naturalization Service that we have over a period of years maintained contact with Elizabeth Bentley, and that it is contemplated that we will continue to contact her periodically for information. We have no objection to her being utilized by the INS as a part-time consultant if she so desires.

The New Orleans Office should make arrangements to determine if Bentley is employed as a part-time consultant by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: June 12, 1953

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

REGISTERED MAIL

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
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Re New York letter to Bureau dated 4/10/53.

Miss BENTLEY, who has for the past scholastic year been teaching at the College of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, Louisiana, advised SAS MILTON R. KAACK and WRIGHT PATTON on June 10, 1953 that she was leaving for New York via Eastern Airlines on June 11, 1953. Miss BENTLEY stated that she planned to be in New York and vicinity until the early part of September.

As far as she knows now, she will return to her teaching position at the College of the Sacred Heart at that time. Miss BENTLEY did not know where she would be staying in New York. She stated that she would immediately get in touch with agents of the New York office upon her arrival there.

Miss BENTLEY has not been paid for her services while in the New Orleans division. She volunteered information that teachers were not paid well for their service at the College of the Sacred Heart and also informed that she had not been able to rent or sell her cottage in Madison, Connecticut.

Inasmuch as most of the information requested of Miss BENTLEY comes either through or from the New York office, and that office is, therefore, in a position to estimate the volume of information, which she will be called on to furnish, New York is requested to make suggestions as to payments to Miss BENTLEY if and when she returns to the New Orleans division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
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DATE: 6/29/53

Rebulet dated May 11, 1953 requesting that this office determine if BENTLEY is employed as a part-time consultant by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Mr. JOHN OWENS, agent, Immigration and Naturalization Service, New Orleans, advised on June 29, 1953 that he had been unsuccessful in locating Miss BENTLEY for an interview prior to her departure from New Orleans on June 11, 1953, and that he has advised his office in Washington of this fact. Mr. OWENS stated that he would not know whether or not the Washington office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service will further pursue this matter of BENTLEY's employment as a part-time consultant. RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 24, 1953

FROM : V. P. Healy

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH FONTLEY

Mr. William Morse of the Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C., contacted Supervisor John L. Foley on June 24, 1953 to advise that his service contemplates employing Elizabeth Fontley as a consultant for about one week, and inquired whether the Bureau had any objection.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mr. Morse be advised that this Bureau has no objection to her employment.

J. L. Foley/jm

ADDENDUM: 6/30/53 Mr. Morse of INS was advised accordingly.

J. L. Foley/jm

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January 20, 1954

SAC, New Orleans (100-15329)

HAROLD PATCH  
SM - C

Reference is made to New York letter to Bureau dated December 28, 1953, of which a copy was furnished to the New Orleans Office requesting that ELIZABETH BENTLEY be interviewed regarding information on the above-captioned individual.

On January 7, 1954, Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, by SA JOHN B. HONEYCUTT at which time she advised that the individual in her book, "Out of Bondage," whom she called HAROLD PATCH is identified as HAROLD GREENWALD. She advised that this individual was connected with the Communist Party headquarters on Twelfth Street in New York City, and was a member of that organization. She related that she believed he attended City College in New York and resided with his father, whose first name she did not recall, in Washington Heights, New York City. She related that the father of HAROLD GREENWALD ran on the Socialist ticket for a public office in New York City; she did not recall the date and could not recall the office for which he ran.

Miss BENTLEY advised that GREENWALD used the name HAROLD PATCH in writing articles and also worked under this name. She advised that GREENWALD was either the editor or associate editor of the magazine, "Fight," the official publication of the American League Against War and Fascism. She advised that he was writing for this magazine in 1935 and 1936.

Miss BENTLEY advised that to the best of her knowledge, GREENWALD resided on West 28th Street in 1936; that he and GEORGE LOH lived in an apartment together at the 28th Street address. She added that about 1935 or 1936 GREENWALD was also on the Emergency Home Relief in New York City.

Miss BENTLEY informed that the last she saw of GREENWALD was about 1938 at which time he was still connected with the American League Against War and Fascism.

In regard to his activities, Miss BENTLEY stated that she and GREENWALD signed HAYDEN S'ARS' application to become a member of the Communist Party. She advised that GREENWALD was an open Communist and was active in furthering the cause of the Communist Party.

Miss BENTLEY advised that other than the above, she knows nothing concerning this individual. HUC.

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PAULINE ROSEN, was: Pauline Royce, Pauline Rogers,  
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Rebulet-tel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled, "HARRY  
DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE - R", instructing that ELIZABETH  
BENTLEY'S book "Out Of Bondage" be reviewed.

A review of instant book reflects the following  
information concerning subject.

Between July 1934 and the Spring of 1935, **BENTLEY**  
met **PAULINE ROGERS**, Executive Secretary of the American  
League Against War and Fascism in the office of this organization,  
which was located on the third floor of a loft building on  
Fourth Avenue in New York City. **BENTLEY** had very little  
contact with **ROGERS**, but recalled that **ROGERS** had congratulated  
her when she announced that she had joined the CP.

In the Spring of 1935 **BENTLEY** was approached by **PAULINE  
ROGERS** who wanted to know if **BENTLEY** was still interested in  
the problem of combating Italian Fascist propaganda. **ROGERS**  
said she had a friend who needed help. When **BENTLEY** replied  
she would help, **ROGERS** replied that **BENTLEY** must never mention  
this to anyone, even in the Party. **PAULINE ROGERS** then introduced  
**BENTLEY** to a Mrs. **JULIET GLAZER**, who is also known as **JULIET POYNTZ**.  
After **BENTLEY** had turned down an offer of Mrs. **GLAZER** to work  
for her, Mrs. **GLAZER** and **PAULINE ROGERS** came to **BENTLEY'S**  
apartment one night and Mrs. **GLAZER** said, "I brought **PAULINE  
ROGERS** here to guarantee my bona fides". Instant book reflects  
that Mrs. **GLAZER** then launched into a vituperative diatribe  
against **BENTLEY**. When Mrs. **GLAZER** had finished, **BENTLEY** told  
her to get out and she left with **PAULINE ROGERS**.

The foregoing information concerning subject **ROGERS**,  
furnished by **ELIZABETH BENTLEY**, in substance has previously  
been furnished to the Bureau.

New Orleans is requested to contact **ELIZABETH BENTLEY**  
and ascertain if she could elaborate and furnish any additional  
information on the relationship and activities of **PAULINE ROGERS**  
with Mrs. **JULIET GLAZER**, also known as **JULIET POYNTZ**.

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MARGARET LEWIS, nee  
Margaret Cummings, was.,  
Mrs. Frank Lewis,  
Margaret Hinckley,  
Mrs. William Wheeler Hinckley,  
"Meg"  
SM - C  
(Origin - WFO)

Re Baltimore letter, December 24, 1953, captioned as above,  
enclosing a photostatic copy of New York letter, undated, but entitled  
WILLIAM WHEELER HINCKLEY and MARGARET (CUMMINGS) HINCKLEY, Security  
Matter - C, requesting that the information furnished by ELIZABETH  
BENTLEY concerning the HINCKLEYS be compared with the information  
concerning them which appears in BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage"  
and reviewed to insure that there is no other information (contained  
in the book) which expands upon or differs with data which she has  
furnished the Bureau.

Referenced Baltimore letter stated that WFO is office of  
origin in captioned subject and requests that it handle the New York  
lead concerning MARGARET HINCKLEY.

A review of the information in the files of WFO submitted  
by BENTLEY concerning MARGARET HINCKLEY together with a review of  
the testimony by BENTLEY before the HCUA (Public Hearings) fails to  
reflect any material expansion or difference from the information  
contained in her book concerning MARGARET HINCKLEY.

Mr. RAY NIXON, Director of Research, HCUA, advised  
January 25, 1954, that a review of said Committee Hearings (Executive  
Session) fails to reflect any testimony by BENTLEY concerning MARGARET  
HINCKLEY, nee MARGARET CUMMINGS, aka., Mrs. WILLIAM WHEELER HINCKLEY.

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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Reference is made to the letters from New York to Bureau dated December 17, 1953, and December 22, 1953.

Referenced letters, of which New Orleans received copies, requested that ELIZABETH BENTLEY be interviewed to identify certain individuals mentioned in her book, "Out of Bondage," who were not mentioned in her signed statement furnished to the New York Office in November, 1945.

On January 7, 1954, Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, by SA JOHN B. HONEYCUTT at which time information contained in the two referenced letters was discussed with her.

In regard to the last paragraph of Page 1 of letter dated December 17, 1953, Miss BENTLEY identified EDWIN as HAYDEN SEARS, who was at that time a student at the Union Theological Seminary. She stated that she believed he later became an ordained minister but has not heard from him since 1936. She advised that SEARS became a member of the Communist Party in New York as she and HAROLD GREENWALD, who is identified as HAROLD PATCH in her book, signed the application for SEARS for him to become a member of the Communist Party. She advised that she knew nothing more concerning the activities of this individual.

Miss BENTLEY identified HARRY SCHULER (first paragraph, second page, of letter dated December 17, 1953) also as being HAYDEN SEARS.

On Page 1, Paragraph 4, Miss BENTLEY identified HAROLD PATCH, not ARNOLD PATCH as indicated in referenced letter, as being HAROLD GREENWALD. Information regarding this individual has been reported in the HAROLD PATCH case.

On Page 2, Paragraph 2, of letter dated December 17, 1953, Miss BENTLEY advised that she was not able to recall anything further concerning either of these individuals except that she did recall that one of them was a man of about forty years of age who had returned from Japan and was taking a refresher course at the Union Theological Seminary. She stated that she only met this individual on one occasion for a short period of time and knew nothing more concerning him. However, during this meeting, he did remark that the Communist Party was illegal in Japan. Miss BENTLEY advised that she met this individual through HAYDEN SEARS.

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Regarding Paragraph 6, Page 2, letter of December 17, 1953, Miss BENTLEY advised that JACOB GOLOS on one occasion had mentioned to her whom this individual was; that she did not recall his identity but believed that he was working at that time in the Transport Division of Amtorg and lived some place in the Bronx. She advised that she could not recall his name or anything more concerning this individual. She advised that she faintly recalls that possibly this individual may have been one JACOB RIZAK, who was a member of the Communist Party in New York City. She could furnish no further information concerning his activities but advised that LOUIS BUDENZ possibly could furnish considerable information regarding this individual.

Regarding Paragraph 7, Page 2, letter of December 17, 1953, Miss BENTLEY advised that the true identity of Comrade "G" was not known to her; however, she believed that this individual was a member of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party but was not a top functionary. She advised that she knew nothing further concerning this person.

Regarding Paragraph 8, Page 2, letter of December 17, 1953, Miss BENTLEY identified Comrade "H" as LILLIAN HARRISON. She advised that the only thing she recalls about LILLIAN HARRISON is that she was a supervisor at the Emergency Home Relief and it was her impression that HARRISON was a member of the Communist Party for a while in New York City. Miss BENTLEY advised that she met LILLIAN HARRISON while she, BENTLEY, was also employed for a short time with the Emergency Home Relief.

Miss BENTLEY advised that LILLIAN HARRISON was not to her knowledge connected with espionage activities and that she has not seen HARRISON since approximately July, 1935, and has not heard of her since.

Miss BENTLEY explained that while she was employed by the Emergency Home Relief, she was fingerprinted, and commented that LILLIAN HARRISON was also fingerprinted and that the Bureau would probably have these prints on file.

Regarding Paragraph 2, Page 3, letter of December 17, 1953, Miss BENTLEY identified Comrade LAND as MARK GRAUBARD who is now connected with the University of Minnesota with whom the Bureau is well acquainted.

Regarding Paragraph 3, Page 3, letter of December 17, 1953, Miss BENTLEY stated that the term "NYANYA" is a term used by the Russian children for their nurse. She stated that this individual, whom she referred to as "NYANYA," was a housekeeper or nurse for EARL BROWDER; that she believed that this individual was a Russian citizen as she spoke

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no English and that she possibly came over to the United States when Mrs. EARL BROWDER came here. She advised that "NYANIA" had been with the BROWDERS for a number of years and that she was an elderly woman. She advised that she could not furnish any more information concerning this individual.

Regarding Paragraph h, Page 3, letter of December 17, 1953, Miss BENTLEY has identified EDITH as EDITH VILENTZ, correct name EDITH VILENCHIK, who was a Ukrainian employed as a typist in World Tourists in 1942. Miss BENTLEY advised that, as she recalls, this individual was a Communist sympathizer but does not know whether or not she was a member of the Party. She stated that she did not know what became of this individual and that EDITH, to her knowledge, was not engaged in espionage activities.

Re New York letter dated December 22, 1953, when Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed on January 7 and January 12, 1954, she advised that the New York Daily Mirror sent a representative down to Grand Coteau, Louisiana, to obtain information from her in order to write the articles which appeared in the Daily Mirror in December, 1953. She stated that she gave the information to the representative of the Daily Mirror and that he wrote the articles himself. She particularly referred to the article which appeared in the Daily Mirror on December 15, 1953, wherein she was quoted as saying information had been received that the American government had broken a Soviet code. She stated that this is a misstatement and should have been that the information received was that the Americans were on the verge of breaking a Soviet code.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she did not review the articles prior to the time that they were published but after reading them realized that information furnished was highly dramatized and in some instances was almost removed from the true facts which she gave to the paper.

In regard to New York letter to Bureau dated December 22, 1953, Miss BENTLEY was again interviewed on January 26, 1954, by SA JOHN E. HONEYCUTT, and advised that it was either JACOB GOLOS or unknown subject BILL who requested information concerning WILLIAM BATT who was at that time with the War Production Board. She added that as long as BATT was connected with the War Production Board her superiors were constantly requesting her to obtain additional information concerning him and his attitude toward the Communist Party. She added that, according to information received, BATT'S attitude toward the Party shifted from time to time and the Communists were never satisfied with the information they received regarding his attitude.

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Miss BENTLEY advised that the information she received regarding WILLIAM BATT came from the SILVERMASTER group and from WILLIAM REMINGTON and that possibly the VICTOR PERLO group furnished some information concerning BATT but she was not sure about this last group.

In regard to HENRY MOROANTHEAU and HARRY DEXTER WHITE, Miss BENTLEY advised that the information concerning these individuals came from the SILVERMASTERS who, in all probability, received their information from LUDWIG ULLMAN who was at that time connected with the Treasury Department. Miss BENTLEY advised that she herself never contacted WHITE or Mr. MOROANTHEAU.

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Rebuairtel 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE,  
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References pertaining to the subject that appeared in  
ELIZABETH-BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" have been compared  
with the information ELIZABETH BENTLEY furnished in her signed  
statement dated 11/30/45.

This comparison reflects that the material in the  
book does not materially add to or differ from information which  
Miss BENTLEY has previously furnished.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. L. Belmont

DATE: January 6,  
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FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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## SYNOPSIS:

Pursuant to the Bureau's instructions, the New York office has submitted an analysis of six articles written by Bentley which appeared in the "New York Daily Mirror" from December 13 to December 18, 1953. Practically all the information in the articles appears in Bentley's book "Out of Bondage" with a "dressing up" of some of the material.

Bentley in the articles traces her involvement in the espionage network, names the principal persons who were involved, stresses particularly the activities of Harry Dexter White, shows the importance of the over-all data the network produced for the Soviets and then traces her ultimate break from the espionage apparatus.

Bentley's articles make considerable favorable mention of the FBI, and she closes her last article by indicating persons in the network should have no fear of making disclosure, and "The FBI is completely capable of evaluating the sincerity of an ex-Communist, and its verdict can be relied upon." The New York office has been instructed to channelize all pertinent information in these articles to the appropriate files. The New York office has also set out leads for the New Orleans office to ask Bentley about several passages in the articles where it appears that she has expanded upon information in her book and on information previously furnished to our agents.

## ACTION:

None. The foregoing is for your information.

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DETAILS:

The New York office was instructed by the Bureau's air-tel of December 10, 1953, to secure copies of the articles written by Elizabeth Bentley in the "New York Mirror" starting on December 13, 1953. They were instructed to forward these articles with an analysis to the Bureau and where necessary to set forth leads for the New Orleans office to interview Bentley concerning data appearing in the articles. They were also instructed to channelize information in the articles to the pertinent files on persons named by Bentley.

The articles appeared in the "New York Daily Mirror" in six issues starting on December 13, 1953, and ending on December 18, 1953. The analysis submitted by the New York office and the study here at the Bureau reflects that practically all information in the articles appears in Bentley's book "Out of Bondage" with the "dressing up" of some of the material. Bentley in substance in the articles traces her own involvement in the network, describes the roles played by various persons involved and shows the importance of the data which the network was producing for the Soviets. Probably because of the recent publicity concerning Harry Dexter White, she devotes considerable space to his activities. Her last article shows her ultimate break with the espionage network and her coming to the FBI with her information.

In the article of December 13, 1953, Bentley relates that White furnished information to the network, that Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau was disgruntled with the reception Moscow was giving American lend-lease effort, and White suggested that something be done in order to keep Morgenthau from becoming anti-Soviet. She said as a result of passing this information through to the Soviet Intelligence headquarters in Moscow, Stalin probably paid tribute to US productivity and the importance of the lend-lease program. This information is basically the same as that furnished previously by Bentley to Bureau agents. In the article of December 14, 1953, Bentley repeats information which she has previously furnished to the Bureau and to Congressional committees which leads her to believe that there was at least one other spy ring operating in Washington which she knew nothing about and possibly still another group. We have previously questioned Bentley on this and have secured all details she has which do not assist us in identifying such networks. In the article of December 15, 1953, Bentley plays up the role played by Lauchlin Currie, an administrative assistant to President Roosevelt, who assisted Nathan Gregory Silvermaster when he was under investigation pursuant to the Hatch Act. It appears in this instance that Bentley has gone beyond knowledge known to her personally and has drawn

upon data developed in Congressional hearings. The New York office states they are setting out a lead for the New Orleans office to ask Bentley about this matter in connection with the Currie investigation. In the article of December 17, 1953, Bentley shows how deeply infiltrated was the Office of Strategic Services by the Soviets. She also shows how the Soviets wanted all types of information even concerning the political attitude of various persons such as William Batt of the War Production Board whose name came up time and again. In this instance while Bentley has furnished similar information in the past, she did not say that a request was received concerning Batt on a number of occasions, and accordingly, the New Orleans office has a lead to ask Bentley concerning this matter. Throughout the articles Bentley makes numerous references to the FBI, and in no instance is she critical, and several of the references are very favorable. In closing her last article she indicates that persons who were involved in the network could restore themselves by making disclosures, and she states, "The FBI is completely capable of evaluating the sincerity of an ex-Communist, and its verdict can be relied upon."

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, HOUSTON

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ELIZABETH BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION. BENTLEY ADVISES THAT THROUGH FRANK J. KELLY, PROMOTER, LAKE CHARLES, LA., SHE IS ENGAGED FOR A NUMBER OF PAID LECTURES IN THE GALVESTON, PORT ARTHUR AND ORANGE, TEXAS AREA. ON JANUARY TWENTYFOUR LAST SHE HAD A CONVERSATION WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN WHOM SHE MET AT ONE OF HER PUBLIC APPEARANCES, WHO ADVISED AGAINST HER MAKING ANY SPEECHES IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREA DUE TO A NUMBER OF LABOR UNION STRIKES IN THE AREA. BENTLEY STATED HER SPEECHES IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY LABOR UNIONS OTHER THAN THOSE COMMUNIST DOMINATED. SHE ADVISED THAT THE TEND OF CONVERSATION OF THE PERSON WHO ADVISED AGAINST HER MAKING SPEECHES IN THE PORT ARTHUR AREA INDICATED HE IS POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH THE DISTRIBUTORS, PROCESSORS, AND OFFICE WORKERS UNION WHICH SHE STATES IS COMMUNIST CONTROLLED. SHE ADVISED THAT BY FEBRUARY ONE NEXT SHE IS TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A SPEECH SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBI ORANGE, TEXAS, SCHEDULED ON FEBRUARY NINETEEN NEXT, BUT DOES NOT WISH TO APPEAR IN LOCALITY WHERE LABOR STRIFE INVOLVING COMMUNIST DOMINATED UNION IS PRESENT. HOUSTON WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF INFO IS AVAILABLE THAT OFFICE TO INDICATE ANY COMMUNIST CONTROLLED UNION PRESENTLY ACTIVE IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED ARE. BUREAU WILL ADVISE BY FEBRUARY FIRST WHETHER THIS INFO CAN BE FURNISHED TO BENTLEY.

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ELIZABETH BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

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BE GIVEN ANY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REGARDING ANY COMMUNIST  
CONTROLLED UNION, IF PUBLIC SOURCE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE,  
SHE MAY BE ADVISED OF SUBSTANCE. BENTLEY SHOULD BE MADE TO  
CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE DECISION TO MAKE ANY SPEECH IS  
SOLELY HER RESPONSIBILITY AND THE BUREAU WILL NOT ADVISE FOR  
OR AGAINST ANY SPEECH ON HER PART.

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JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT. BENTLEY IS NOT TO BE GIVEN ANY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REGARDING ANY COMMUNIST CONTROLLED UNION, IF PUBLIC SOURCE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, SHE MAY BE ADVISED OF SUBSTANCE. BENTLEY SHOULD BE MADE TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE DECISION TO MAKE ANY SPEECH IS SOLELY HER RESPONSIBILITY AND THE BUREAU WILL NOT ADVISE FOR OR AGAINST ANY SPEECH ON HER PART.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: February 4,  
1954

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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Miss Gandy

The New Orleans Office in a teletype dated 2-3-54 has advised that Miss Bentley was served with a subpoena to give a deposition in the libel suit of William Henry Taylor vs. The Washington Daily News, a civil action. Bentley told our New Orleans Office that she believed she was being subpoenaed to give deposition regarding testimony she previously furnished to Congressional committees. She stated she did not intend to answer the subpoena and was willing to go to jail rather than appear. She stated that if she was forced to be a witness, she would be hostile to both parties. According to Bentley, her appearance would establish a precedent which would require her presence in other matters of a similar nature and this would cause her to lose her job and eliminate her only real source of income. Bentley informed she had no money to employ an attorney and requested the Bureau to advise her as to her legal rights. With regard to this the Director indicated that we should inform her that it would not be possible for the Bureau to furnish her with legal advice but that a decision as to whether she is to comply with the subpoena is a personal one and she should be guided by her own conclusions after talking with Rejean before whom she is to give a deposition.

Since Elizabeth Bentley has been an important Government witness in previous Federal criminal actions and particularly because she is a potential witness in any future actions, namely the prosecution of the Silvermaster case or any of the subjects in it, this matter was called to the attention of Mr. William Foley of the Criminal Division. Foley suggested that under the circumstances it would not be desirable to alienate Elizabeth Bentley in any way and he stated he desired to discuss further in the Department the feasibility of having a Departmental representative contact her with regard to this present subpoena. Thereafter Foley advised that he had discussed this matter in the Department and he stated they had come to the conclusion there was nothing that could be done for Miss Bentley. Foley stated that it would appear Bentley was a necessary witness in a civil suit and had been properly served. Under the circumstances, according to Foley, she would have to appear as would any other witness under similar circumstances.

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Our New Orleans Office has been properly instructed in line with the Director's suggestion. This is submitted for your information.

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ELIZABETH BENTLEY, C. S. RE N. O. TEL 1-28-54

ON NOV. FOURTEEN

LAST DPOWA LOCAL EIGHTYFIVE, PT. ARTHUR, TEX, UNDER SUPERVISION OF  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ARTHUR OSHAN STRUCK AT TWENTYONE PT. ARTHUR  
RETAIL OUTLETS AND HOTELS. SUBSEQUENT PRESSURE BY GOVERNOR AND AG OF  
TEXAS RESULTED IN LOCAL 85 BEING COMPLETELY DISASSOCIATED WITH DPOWA  
AND DIRECTLY ACCOUNTABLE TO WALTER REUTHER, PRES. CIO. INVESTIGATION  
RE OFFICERS LOCAL 85 FAILED TO DISCLOSE PREVIOUS SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.  
AG OF TEXAS CANCELLED ALL DPOWA ORGANIZOR PERMITS DEC. THIRTY, FIFTY  
THREE. NO FURTHER EVIDENCE CP DOMINATED UNION ACTIVITY PT. ARTHUR,  
ORANGE OR GALVESTON AREAS.

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*Elizabeth Bentley*

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DIRECTOR, FBI ..... U R G E N T ..... *Long*

WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, AKA., INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, WASHINGTON, D. C., LEON-IR. ON FEB. SECOND, FIFTY-FOUR, MISS ELIZABETH BENTLEY, WHO IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS INSTRUCTOR AT SACRED HEART COLLEGE, GRAND COTEAU, LA., TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA JOHN E. MONEYCUTT AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS, A US DEPUTY MARSHAL FROM WESTERN DISTRICT OF LA. SERVED HER WITH A FEDERAL SUBPOENA TO APPEAR IN OFFICE OF HOWARD B. DEJEAN, ATTORNEY OPELOUSAS, LA., FEB. EIGHT, FIFTYFOUR, TO GIVE DEPOSITION IN LIEBEL SUIT OF WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR VS. WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS, BEARING CIVIL ACTION NUMBER FIVE THREE NINE FOUR DASH FIVE THREE. THE SUBPOENA REPORTEDLY STATES THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN ATTORNEYS FOR TAYLOR AND ATTORNEYS FOR DAILY NEWS FOR HER TO APPEAR IN OPELOUSAS ON FEB. EIGHT, FIFTYFOUR FOR PURPOSE OF GIVING DEPOSITION. SHE CLAIMS SHE NEVER GAVE EITHER THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS OR TAYLOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER. ALSO CLAIMS ONLY INFORMATION SHE EVER FURNISHED RE TAYLOR WAS GIVEN TO BUREAU AGENTS AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. SHE BELIEVES THEY ARE MOST PROBABLY SUBPOENAING HER TO GIVE DEPOSITION BY TESTIMONY SHE PREVIOUSLY GAVE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. STATES SHE DOES NOT INTEND TO APPEAR IN RESPONSE TO SUBPOENA AND WILL GO TO JAIL BEFORE SHE APPEARS. REGARDING POSSIBLE FORCED APPEARANCE SHE STATED SHE WILL END PAGE ONE

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PAGE TWO

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END QUOTE. STATES SHE HAS CLASSES AT SACRED HEART COLLEGE ON MONDAY,  
FEB. EIGHT WHICH PRECLUDE HER APPEARANCE. CLAIMS SHE DOES NOT WISH TO  
APPEAR BECAUSE IF SHE DOES SO IT WOULD ESTABLISH DANGEROUS PRECEDENT  
AND REQUIRE OTHER APPEARANCES OF SIMILAR NATURE WHICH WOULD CAUSE  
HER TO LOSE HER JOB AND ELIMINATE HER ONLY REAL SOURCE OF INCOME.  
STATES SHE DOES NOT HAVE MONEY TO EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. SHE WANTS THE  
BUREAU TO ADVISE HER AS TO WHAT HER LEGAL RIGHTS ARE. SHE SPECIFICALLY  
WANTS TO KNOW WHETHER SHE CAN BE FORCED TO TESTIFY AND WHAT ACTION  
COULD BE TAKEN AGAINST HER IF SHE DOES NOT TESTIFY. SA HONEYCUTT  
STATED THAT HE COULD NOT ADVISE HER IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER CONCERNING  
THIS MATTER, BUT IN RESPONSE TO HER SPECIFIC REQUEST WOULD CONTACT  
THE BUREAU, RECOMMEND BUREAU GRANT AUTHORITY FOR NEW ORLEANS TO FIRST  
TACTFULLY SUGGEST TO MISS BENTLEY THAT SHE CONTACT ATTORNEY DEJEAN  
CONCERNING HER STATUS WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBPOENA AND SECONDLY INFORM  
MISS BENTLEY IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR BUREAU TO FURNISH HER WITH  
LEGAL ADVICE BUT THAT DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO COMPLY WITH SUBPOENA  
IS A PERSONAL ONE, AND SHE SHOULD BE GUIDED BY HER OWN CONCLUSIONS  
AFTER TALKING TO DEJEAN.

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WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, AKA QUOTE BILL UNQUOTE, INTERNATIONAL  
MONETARY FUND, WASHINGTON, D. C., LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS -  
IR. REURTEL FEBRUARY TWO LAST. ~~BUREAU REQUESTS WITH YOUR~~  
~~SUGGESTIONS HEREIN.~~ YOU SHOULD RECONTACT BENTLEY AND  
ADVISE IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR BUREAU TO FURNISH HER  
WITH LEGAL ADVICE. DECISION TO COMPLY WITH SUBPOENA IS  
A PERSONAL ONE AND SHE SHOULD BE GUIDED BY HER OWN CONCLUSIONS.  
~~AFTER TALKING TO ATTORNEY DEJAN,~~

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-14778)

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-15346)

SUBJECT: WELDWEL WARSZOWER, wa:  
William Weiner, et al  
IS-C

DATE: 2/5/54

Reference is made to the letter from the New York Office to the Director dated January 12, 1954, a copy of which was furnished this office requesting an interview with Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY regarding all information which she has concerning subject WARSZOWER.

On January 26, 1954, Miss BENTLEY was interviewed at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, and she advised that the only contacts she had with WARSZOWER were when she was working with WORLD TOURIST, INC. She advised that from her contacts with him at this time she determined that WARSZOWER was Financial Secretary of the Communist Party in New York for a while but was not able to furnish the date. She stated that he also held some title, which she could not describe, in the IWO, but was unable to furnish the date concerning this either. She stated that he was connected with New Century Publishers which was a Communist publishing house, but that she did not know his duties in connection with this enterprise. She stated that it was her impression that he was also a member of the Central Committee for a short time but was not able to give definite information regarding this.

Miss BENTLEY advised that JACOB GOLOS had considerable dealings with WEINER and that after GOLOS died, she approached WEINER on the idea of getting someone else to run WORLD TOURIST, INC., as she wanted to get out of the organization. She advised that she had several discussions of this matter with WEINER and that finally WEINER agreed to get someone else to run WORLD TOURIST, INC., and that in April of 1945 WEINER send LOUIS BERDENSKY over to take over the operation of WORLD TOURIST, INC.

Miss BENTLEY advised that the above are her relations and association with WEINER and any discrepancies which appear from the above facts and those recorded in her book are due to the fact that in her book it was necessary for her to add human interest and reader appeal to a large number of incidents.

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cc: 2 - NEW YORK (100-7577)  
(65-14603) (REGISTERED MAIL)

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Director, FBI (65-58688)

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SAC, New York (100-95066)

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ReBuairtel 10/26/53, in the case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE; ESPIONAGE - R", NYlet to Bureau, 12/29/53, and New Orleans letter to Bureau, 1/19/54, both captioned as above.

Reairtel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure that there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data which she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be channelized to appropriate individual files.

Re New Orleans let reflects that Miss BENTLEY'S signed statement contains all of the essential facts and any deviation from those facts contained in her signed statement is due to the dramatization of the material in her book.

In view of the fact that the only lead in captioned matter was to reconcile the differences appearing in BENTLEY'S signed statement dated 11/30/45 and her book "Out of Bondage" this lead has been covered. This case is being closed in the NYO UACB.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-14303)

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (65-1950)

SUBJECT: MAURICE HYMAN HALPERIN  
ESPIONAGE - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

DATE: 2/5/54

Reference is made to the letter from Boston to the Director dated January 8, 1954, copy to New Orleans, requesting an interview with Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY regarding her meeting with HALPERIN, which meeting is recorded in her book entitled "OUT OF BONDAGE," pages 263, 264, 265 & 266.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she had previously made arrangements with HALPERIN to meet him on Florida Avenue and another street which she now cannot identify but which is located in the southwest section of Washington, D. C., for the purpose of picking up some material which HALPERIN was to furnish her. She related that when she arrived on the designated spot on Florida Avenue, that she noticed a building which appeared to be a garage and since this was a very cold day, she went inside to get warm and it was at this time that she noticed that the building was filled with steel file cabinets and that there were three individuals dressed in guard uniforms. She stated that at this time she also had with her numerous microfilms of espionage material which the SILVERMASTERS had turned over to her. This was the reason that she was so frightened at this time. She stated that she immediately left this building and went around the corner where she observed HALPERIN waiting for her. She advised that she never told HALPERIN of this incident.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she does not recall the identity of the material which HALPERIN furnished to her on this meeting, and does not recall the identity of the material which the SILVERMASTERS had furnished to her on this contact.

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cc: 2 - BOSTON (100-25501) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
2 - WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (101-2139) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
2 - NEW YORK (65-1564) (REGISTERED MAIL)

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Re New Orleans let reflects that Miss BENTLEY's signed statement contains all of the essential facts and any deviation from those facts contained in her signed statement is due to the dramatization of the material in her book.

In view of the fact that the only lead in captioned matter was to reconcile the differences appearing in BENTLEY'S signed statement dated 11/30/45 and her book "Out of Bondage" this lead has been covered. This case is being closed in the NYO UACB.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (101-4782  
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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-23392)

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Los Angeles origin.

Re: Bulet 1/12/54.

New York letter to Bureau 12/29/53, with enclosure.

From a review of the excerpts of ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage", as furnished by the New York office, the Los Angeles office concluded that the narrative in her book concerning STORMEN did not appear to differ materially with the information in the statement made by BENTLEY on 11/30/45 to the Bureau. In referring to her relationship with the subject BENTLEY elaborated upon or furnished additional details in the following instances in her book:

On pages 18 and 20 BENTLEY referred to the subject's direct admission to BENTLEY that she was a member of the American Communist Party and described the subject's detailed explanation of the structure of the Communist Party. In her statement to the Bureau, BENTLEY said she had determined that the subject was a member of the CP but she did not describe by what means she had ascertained this fact.

Page 21 of BENTLEY's book set out the subject's description of the CP as part of a world-wide federation called the Communist International whose headquarters were in Moscow. On pages 22 through 33 BENTLEY described the persistent efforts and persuasive technique applied by the subject in winning her over to the Communist cause. On page 80 BENTLEY disclosed the fact that the subject had sailed with the first medical detachment destined to Spain to fight for the Madrid government in the Spanish Civil War.

None of the above details appeared in BENTLEY's signed statement.

The Los Angeles office has developed no additional information regarding the subject since the submission of the summary report by SA JOHN D. WALLACE, 10/1/52 at Los Angeles. All of the information concerning the subject received by the Los Angeles office subsequent to 10/1/52 has been submitted in report form suitable for dissemination.

The subject joined the CP in 1935 and was an active CP member until at least 1947. In 1949 she belonged to a group whose purpose was to commit sabotage in the United States in event of war with Russia. The subject currently associates with United States and Mexican Communists in the Mexico

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City area and may be involved in some way with escape route plans of the CP, USA.

In accordance with the Bureau's request, an FD-122 accompanies this letter with the recommendation that she be included on the Security Index of the Los Angeles office.

The Los Angeles office will, upon receipt of approval from the Bureau, place STOWMEN on the Security Index and close this case administratively.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

to Mr. Tolson

DATE: Feb. 24, 1954

FROM L. B. Nichols

**SUBJECT:**

Harry Dexter White  
Esp - R.

David Lawrence called me last Saturday and was very much exercised over the Alsop column in the Washington Post on February 19 dealing with the so-called missing documents in the Department and the fact that Elizabeth Bentley was to be reactivated and it was not until October, 1946, that this was abandoned. Dave felt that there must be some answer to this and that the Alsop piece should be answered.

I, frankly, do not know exactly how to approach this without getting into a complicated discourse, and the only simple way that the Alsop story could be knocked down would be to take that portion of the Director's testimony before the Senate Internal Security Committee wherein he pointed out that the FBI was not a party to an agreement to promote White, that at no time did the FBI give its approval; that if this policy were applied to White, it would apply to others similarly involved in this investigation, who were dismissed from Government service when their subversive activities were discovered. The Director interpolated at this point, the dismissals occurred in March, 1946, June 14 and 18, 1946, July, 1946, and September, 1946.

It seems to me that if there were a decision to reactivate Bentley, that dismissals would not have taken place; that the fact that dismissals did take place would certainly militate against the reactivation of Bentley and certainly would not have been permitted.

This would inject the Director back into the White case and it might not be worth it. I wish there were some way that the Alsop piece could be negated, particularly since Senator Fulbright put it in the Congressional Record on February 19, 1954.

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Unless the Director and you have some ~~concrete~~ <sup>concrete</sup> views, the only thing I know to do is tell Dave I have looked into the matter and that to answer it would be too complicated and we simply could not do it.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Belmont

Re Mr. Jones:

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Right. I am not  
going to get involved  
in this controversy as

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Director, FBI (65-56402)

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SAC, New York (65-14603)

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, ET AL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebuaair-tel 10/26/53 in the case entitled "HARRY DEYTER WHITE,  
ESPIONAGE - R."

Referenced air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book  
"Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information in  
the book which expands upon or differs with data which she has furnished  
to the Bureau.

To facilitate the comparison of information in the book with  
information furnished by Miss BENTLEY in her signed statement of 11/30/45  
it was necessary to prepare an index of the statement as it appears in the  
report of SA THOMAS G. SPENCER made at NY, 12/5/45.

It is believed that such an index filed with copies of this  
report will be useful in facilitating research for information concerning  
individuals and incidents mentioned in Miss BENTLEY's statement.

There is being submitted herewith to the Bureau and offices  
having copies of this report amended pages 108 to 113 to be inserted in  
the report of SA THOMAS G. SPENCER made at NY 12/5/45.

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SAC, New York (100-14205)

IRENE BROWDER, was  
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Rebuaair-tel 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE - R", instructing that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book, "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no information contained in the book which expands upon or differs with data which she has furnished the Bureau.

On page 185 of her book, Miss BENTLEY describes her first visit to EARL BROWDER, and comments concerning his wife, IRENE BROWDER: "What I did not then know was that RAISSA (IRENE BROWDER) even as far back as the Revolution, had been a powerful figure in the GPU organization in Russia and that she still worked for it. One of her duties was to keep her husband in line and make reports on him. BROWDER had evidently had no choice in his marriage; the powers - that - be in Moscow had issued the orders and he had to follow them".

This information from Miss BENTLEY does not appear in her signed statement nor in instant case file.

Since subject is currently awaiting trial for making false statements in connection with her naturalization, it is requested that the New Orleans Office interview Miss BENTLEY as to any evidentiary basis for the above quoted statement.

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SAC, New York (100-25692)

EARL RUSSELL BROWDER  
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ReBuairtel 4/26/53 entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE -R," instructing ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure that the book contains no information expanding upon or differing with data already furnished the Bureau.

On page 150 of instant book JACOB GOLOS is quoted as follows: "He (EARL BROWDER) realized that GREG (GREGORY SILVERMASTER) would be very useful to us in the future, so he told him to lie low and not join any Communist unit in Washington. -----Moreover, on BROWDER's instructions he's been gathering around him a group of people, some party members, some sympathizers, employed in sensitive jobs in the government where they will be able to collect invaluable information for us."

It appears that no mention previously had been made of such instructions from BROWDER to SILVERMASTER, and it is requested that the New Orleans Office interview Miss BENTLEY to ascertain her full knowledge of this matter.

It is noted also on pages 223, 224 and 225 of her book, Miss BENTLEY relates that following the death of GOLOS she removed \$1200. from the safe of World Tourists, Incorporated, and delivered this sum to EARL BROWDER. On page 93 of her signed statement, Miss BENTLEY estimates this sum as between \$11,000 and \$12,000. It is requested that Miss BENTLEY be asked to clarify this discrepancy.

Miss BENTLEY continues on pages 225 and 226 that following the death of GOLOS, BROWDER told her, "This thing's got to be handled with great care. We can't let GOLOS be too closely tied up with the American Party, it'll wreck us." Since this statement appears to be an admission by BROWDER of his knowledge of the true nature of GOLOS' activities, and since it appears not to have been reported previously, it is requested that Miss BENTLEY be questioned with reference thereto.

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, SECURITY INFORMANT.

REBUTEL APRIL 19. IMMEDIATELY ADVISE RESULT YOUR CONTACT  
WITH JUDGE AND BENTLEY.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: April 6, 1954

On April 1, 1954, Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised SA JOHN B. HONEYCUTT of this office that she had just received a long distance telephone call from New York City from GUENTHER REINHARDT. She stated that REINHARDT talked for twenty minutes and during the conversation remarked to her that he had been working for the past several months for INS in New York and that he had received no pay for his services during this period. According to Miss BENTLEY, REINHARDT asked her when she was coming to New York, that he desired to see her the next time she was in the vicinity. She also stated that REINHARDT asked her what she knew about the Southern Conference for Human Welfare investigations which had recently been conducted in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she was unable to figure out why REINHARDT would spend twenty minutes talking long distance to her from New York and that she was merely calling this information to the attention of the Bureau.

The above information is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

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Director, FBI (134-435)

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

Reurlet dated April 6, 1954, in which you advised that Miss Bentley had received a telephone call from Guenther Reinhardt, who indicated to Miss Bentley that he wished to see her the next time she went to New York.

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R. J.

If the opportunity presents itself, there is no objection to your mentioning to Miss Bentley the necessity to be most cautious in dealing with Reinhardt.

Keep the Bureau advised of any additional contacts which Reinhardt may make with Bentley.

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April 19, 1954

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

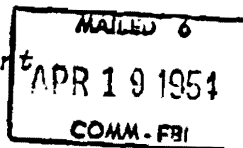
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I am attaching a copy of a memorandum prepared by Judge Hunter and furnished to Special Agent James W. Hamilton on April 12, 1954. I am also attaching a copy of a letter to Judge Hunter from Howard B. DeJean, Jr., Attorney at Law, Opelousas, Louisiana, dated March 5, 1954, which sets forth some of the background of this matter.

The foregoing is being brought to your attention as of possible interest in connection with any effect this situation might have on the future value of Elizabeth Bentley as a Government witness. We have previously informed Miss Bentley that this is a matter for her own personal decision. Judge Hunter is to be informed that Elizabeth Bentley has been so advised.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (134-435)

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (134-89)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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DATE: April 12, 1954

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Attorney at Law

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P. O. Box 61

Shute Building, Opelousas, La.  
Telephone 4354

March 5, 1954

Hon. Edwin F. Hunter, Judge  
U. S. District Court  
Western District of Louisiana  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

RE: William Henry Taylor vs.  
Washington Daily News  
CA-5394-53

Your Honor:

In keeping with your instructions via our telephone conversation March 3, 1954, I have secured the names of the officials at the College of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, Louisiana. It seems that the Reverent Mother Lapeyre is in charge of the entire institution and that the active head of the Academy (high school portion) is Mother Saizan, and the active head of the college is Mother Erskine. I believe that Mother Erskine is probably Miss Bentley's immediate superior whereas Reverend Mother Lapeyre probably has the ultimate word in the conduct of the affairs of the entire institution.

As I explained to you on Wednesday I believe that the service effected on Miss Bentley on February 2, 1954 was good service, and that she could be cited in contempt of your court for failure to heed and obey the subpoena. Furthermore in keeping with your instructions I file herewith a brief supporting my position and contention in this matter. A reference thereto will show that my brief consists chiefly of citations from the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for the courts of the United States.

I spoke with Mr. Byron Scott, Attorney for the Plaintiff, of Washington, D. C. yesterday and asked him to familiarize me with the situation giving rise to this law suit. He is presently sending me a copy of the original complaint and a background on the law suit which I shall be pleased to give you in detail at a later date. Briefly, however, I can tell you that Mr. Taylor is not the commentator referred to by you in our conversation, but actually an official with the International Monetary Fund and that apparently the Washington Daily News printed certain things about this man which he considered libelous. I would assume that Miss Bentley's testimony will be centered around questions which would indicate the truth or falsity of the damaging statements printed by the aforesaid newspaper about the Plaintiff. You will recall that Miss Bentley is a

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former Communist and I would venture to guess that the statements referred to Communistic affiliation on the part of the Plaintiff.

When counsel for both Plaintiff and Defendant learned of Miss Bentley's whereabouts they entered into a stipulation for the taking of her testimony in my office on February 8, 1954. That agreement was sent to me and I forwarded same to the Clerk of our District Court at Shreveport requesting that a subpoena issue in conformity therewith. Thereafter as hereinbefore mentioned service was made on Miss Bentley and she failed to appear at the appointed time and place. After that I contacted Mr. Scott at Washington again and informed him of her apparent refusal to appear for the taking of this deposition and he entered into another stipulation with counsel for the Defendant calling for a re-setting of the date for the taking of the deposition as March 8, 1954 here in Opelousas at my office. Mr. LeBlanc, the United States Marshal, then made two attempts to effect service and could not even get to see Miss Bentley.

At least three persons are prepared to come here from Washington D. C. when this deposition is finally taken and I am therefore particularly anxious in being certain that Miss Bentley will be present when these gentlemen make such a long and expensive trip for that purpose. In keeping therewith I decided to call upon you for your assistance in the matter and did so when you were here on February 25th for your term of court.

I believe that your idea about contacting the Superior at Grand Coteau is very good and that you will get results therefrom. I would ask that you call upon me for any assistance that I may render and would appreciate your keeping me informed of any further developments.

Respectfully,

s/ Howard B. DeJean, Jr.  
HOWARD B. DEJEAN, JR.  
Attorney at Law  
Opelousas, Louisiana



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Memorandum to Mr. Hamilton, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Agent, Lake Charles, Louisiana

Re: Miss Elizabeth Bentley  
William Henry Taylor

vs.

Washington Daily News  
Civil Action No. 5394-53  
(District of Columbia)

Sometime ago Mr. Howard B. DeJean, Jr., an attorney at law of Opelousas, Louisiana notified me that he had been associated with the plaintiff's Washington counsel in the aforementioned suit, and was endeavoring to take a deposition of Miss Elizabeth Bentley. She is now living in Grand Coteau, Louisiana. Attorney DeJean stated that Miss Bentley had refused to honor the subpoena which had been issued to her from the Clerk of the Federal District Court at Shreveport, Louisiana. He also related that the United States Marshal had made two unsuccessful attempts to serve another subpoena on Miss Bentley. All of this is set out in Mr. DeJean's letter which I instructed him to write to me subsequent to his giving me this information. A copy of this letter is attached hereto for your information.

Mr. DeJean was seeking a contempt proceeding against Miss Bentley. I instructed him that because of the prominence of Miss Bentley and because of the fact that she is at the present time living with the Sisters at Grand Coteau, that he should desist and make another attempt, and that when the new subpoena was issued he should call me. This he did on April 8, 1954. I then told him that I would call the Sisters and explain to them the situation. On the same day I spoke with Mother Erskine and explained to her the status of the matter. That same night Miss Bentley called me. Her conversation was lengthy and to the general effect that this whole thing was a Communist plot and that the suit by Mr. Taylor against the News was not a serious one other than for the purpose of involving her. She says that it is merely an effort to have her repeat testimony that she has given to Congressional committees. This, she claims, would permit her old Communist friends to harrass her with libel suits, etc.

Attorney DeJean of Opelousas has the background of the suit, and all information concerning the lawyers connected with it. It is anticipated that Miss Bentley will ignore all subpoenas and that lawyers seeking her testimony will ask that she be held in contempt.

A report of this matter is made because of the previous prominence of Miss Bentley. It is conceivable that there might be some information this court should have if it is faced with a demand for a contempt.

Lake Charles, La.  
April 12, 1954

/s/ Edwin F. Hunter  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: April 16, 1954

FROM : J. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

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Elizabeth T. Bentley, who is teaching at the College of Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, Louisiana, was served with a subpoena on February 2, 1954, to give a deposition in connection with a civil libel suit by William H. Taylor against the Washington Daily News. Bentley previously contacted our New Orleans office stating she would not respond to the subpoena as it would interfere with her teaching job and might set a precedent for her being subpoenaed in other cases. The Criminal Division was contacted and on February 4, 1954, they advised that nothing could be done for Bentley and it would appear she would have to respond to the subpoena like any other witness. The Director noted in connection with Bentley's request for our advice that we could not furnish her legal advice and whether she is to comply with the subpoena is her decision to make and she should be guided by her personal conclusions.

The attached memorandum from New Orleans of April 14, 1954, reflects that Federal Judge Edwin F. Hunter of the Western District of Louisiana, does not want Bentley cited for contempt and had the lawyer serve her with another subpoena on April 8, 1954, which Bentley is apparently ignoring. The Federal Judge now has brought this matter to our attention indicating (1) Bentley indirectly gave him the impression she was in the protective custody of the FBI, (2) the Judge did not request any information but felt conceivably we might have data he should know, (3) the Judge does not want Bentley cited for contempt for at least 30 days.

Bentley has been in contact with the Judge and has made claims that the subpoena calls for her giving testimony she gave in closed Congressional hearings and that the suit is a Communist plot to harass her. Bentley's position in this matter does not appear sound and she is subject to a subpoena the same as anyone else. Her refusal to respond to the subpoena could result in a contempt citation and conceivably could affect her future value to the Government as a witness.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is not clear from the New Orleans memorandum if the agents told the judge that Bentley is not in our protective custody and if they did not, it is believed this should be done and he should be informed that we have previously told Bentley she must make her own decision in this matter.

2. It is recommended that we contact Bentley and make it clear to her that she should not indicate to anyone directly or indirectly that she is in our protective custody. It is believed she should also be informed that with respect to any failure to respond to the subpoena we would not want to see her do anything foolish which might damage her reputation and possibly affect her future value as a Government witness. She should be again informed that this is, however, a matter for her personal decision. A teletype to New Orleans in accordance with the above is attached.

3. There is attached a memorandum to the Criminal Division informing them of the background of this matter in view of the fact that Bentley would be a most necessary witness in any prosecution growing out of the Silvermaster case.

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○ Please be advised that the material in Miss  
ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage", does not  
materially add to or differ from information which Miss  
BENTLEY has previously furnished concerning the above  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (134-435)

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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DATE: 4/30/54

ANATOL GROMOV  
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Re your airtel 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE;  
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Retel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau and that all pertinent data in the book be channeled to the appropriate individual files.

References pertaining to ANATOL GROMOV whom BENTLEY knew as "Al", are found in the book on pages 250, 253-255, 266-269, 274, 286, 290-293, 297-299, and 301.

In view of the fact that GROMOV has long been outside the US, and because of the rather large number of references to him in the book, a detailed comparison of each reference with information previously furnished by BENTLEY concerning him was not made; however, from a perusal of the references, there appears to be little information in them which materially changes or adds to information which BENTLEY has previously furnished concerning him.

The NYO does not appear to have a separate case file on GROMOV. Material on him is contained in the GREGORY case file. It is not known whether or not the Bureau or WFO maintain separate case files on this subject; however, sufficient copies of this letter are being designated for inclusion in such files, if they exist.

A copy of the book "Out of Bondage" is maintained in the NYO Library and may be referred to should the occasion arise in the future that the information contained therein needs to be reviewed in greater detail.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: APR 29 1954

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-29100)

SUBJECT: FRANCES HOIE DAVIS, nee HALE  
aka, Mrs. Robert Gorham Davis,  
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Reference is made to the pending report of SA JAMES T. SULLIVAN dated April 26, 1954, at Boston in captioned matter, copies of which are being sent to Albany, Atlanta, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, Newark, New York, Omaha, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Washington Field.

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100-25975 NATHAN WITT  
100-9733 LEE PRESSMAN

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Boston copies: (Cont.) 65-3201 VICTOR FERLO  
65-3586 ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN  
100-21422 HENRY COLLINS  
100-27622 DONALD HISS  
100-22822 ALGER HISS  
100-13117 JOE CURRAN  
100-22743 J. PETERS  
100-21049 ELLA BLOOR  
100-28769 FRANCES HOPE HALE CRYSTAL  
100-20918 DEFECTED COMMUNISTS  
100-16191 CP-FUNDS  
100-17999 CP-SECURITY ME. SUMES

As set out in referenced report, Mrs. DAVIS was interviewed at her Northampton, Massachusetts, home on March 22, 1954, by Special Agents JAMES T. SULLIVAN and ISAIAH T. WOODBURY of the Boston Division.

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Professor DAVIS was interviewed on January 11, 1954, by SAs JAMES T. SULLIVAN and ISAIAH T. WOODBURY and proved extremely cooperative. Thereafter he advised the Boston Office that his wife wished to provide information regarding her Communist Party activities at Washington, D.C. and New York City in the middle 1930's.

The Bureau, Albany, New York, Washington Field Office, and Boston had no information concerning the Communist Party activities of Mrs. DAVIS under her maiden name and present marriage name. Instant interview developed the information of three previous marriages and leads were set out to conduct indices checks under the additional names used by subject through the years.

Mrs. DAVIS was extremely cooperative during instant interview and stated she would be perfectly willing to discuss not only her own activities but the activities of others whom she knew in the Communist Party and related front organizations. She pointed out, however, that her memory has become extremely cloudy concerning the identity of many such individuals and that while she can describe these persons accurately she cannot now recall their names. She pointed out further that she has done voluminous reading of the various exposés of the Communist Party published since 1940 and that she has reached a point now where at times she cannot recall whether she has personal knowledge of various events or whether she has read this information in such publications as the House Committee Reports, various Senatorial Investigating Committee Reports, the published works of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ELIZABETH BENTLEY, LUDWIG DE TOLEDANO, and other individuals.

Boston has made arrangements to recontact Mrs. DAVIS as often as is necessary and will refresh her memory for information regarding her activities in the period 1934 - 1937. Subsequent interviews will attempt to ascertain her knowledge of the degree of Communist Party infiltration in the publishing field and among writers and likewise will attempt to ascertain whether she has knowledge of Communist Party activities in Massachusetts from 1939 to 1954.

Inasmuch as all offices receiving copies of this letter have received copies of its accompanying report that information concerning individuals named by Mrs. DAVIS in connection with Communist Party activities will be set out herein.

Mrs. DAVIS stated that in the fall or winter of 1934 she and her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK, had been recruited into the Communist Party by JOHN DONOVAN, who at that time was employed by the N.R.A. at Washington, D.C. She described JOHN DONOVAN as a "sensational character," who was employed by Section 7A of the N.R.A. and as an individual whom N.R.A. authorities had tried to fire because of his Communist Party activities. She stated that JOHN DONOVAN was a close friend of HAROLD WARE, who had set up the Communist apparatus in the Federal Government and that DONOVAN came from the New York City area and had studied at Columbia University.

JOHN DONOVAN's wife, ELIZABETH DONOVAN, was likewise known to Mrs. DAVIS as a secret member of a concealed cell of the Communist Party at Washington during the years 1935 and 1936. She stated that she could not recall having met Mrs. ELIZABETH DONOVAN but from records maintained by HERMANN BRUNCK and from other sources she was aware that ELIZABETH DONOVAN had been in the Communist Party. It is her understanding that JOHN and ELIZABETH DONOVAN have been divorced and that ELIZABETH DONOVAN subsequently took up residence in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area. Mrs. DAVIS does not know whether ELIZABETH DONOVAN subsequently remarried.

Mrs. DAVIS stated that each unit of the Communist Party as set up by HAROLD WARE was comprised of about 5 individuals. She stated that at the first meeting she attended there were present along with herself, her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK, CHARLES KRAMER, and his wife, MILDRED KRAMER,

and Mrs. MARION BACHRACH. Mrs. DAVIS pointed out in regard to CHARLES KRAMER that she also knew this individual as CHARLES KRAVITSKY. She stated that CHARLES and MILDRED KRAMER at this time resided in the 1800 block of a street in North West Washington which ran parallel to such streets as Euclid, Fairman, Girard, Harvard, and Irving Streets. She stated that KRAMER at that time was employed by an organization she believed was called "Consumer's Council" and that his wife, MILDRED, as of that time was a housewife and had no outside employments.

Mrs. DAVIS thereafter identified JOHN ABT, MARION BACHRACH, NATHAN "NAT" WITT, LEE PRESSMAN, VICTOR PERLO, and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN as individuals known to her as Communist Party members. She stated that the above named, other than SILVERMAN, were in her Communist Party unit and that SILVERMAN was in the Communist Party unit headed by her husband, HERSCHEL BRUNCK.

She likewise identified HENRY COLLINS as another devoted Communist Party member and stated that many Communist Party meetings were held in the HENRY COLLINS' residence, a converted stable, situated in a block in the center of Washington, D.C.

Subject subsequently identified JESSICA SMITH, who at that time was the wife of HAROLD WARE, as another Communist Party member well known to her. She stated that HAROLD WARE had organized the various groups infiltrating the Federal Government and that Mrs. JESSICA SMITH WARE had certain specific functions to handle for the Communist Party, the exact nature of which was unknown to Mrs. DAVIS.

Mrs. DAVIS stated she has never attended Communist Party meetings with JESSICA SMITH but inasmuch as JESSICA SMITH had been in contact with J. PETERS, Soviet espionage agent in 1937 and had later married NATHAN WITT, another Communist Party member, after the death of her first husband, HAROLD WARE, Mrs. DAVIS has no doubt whatever of JESSICA SMITH's Communist Party membership.

Concerning LEE PRESSMAN's wife, Mrs. DAVIS stated that during 1935 and 1936, as best she recalls, this individual, whose first name she cannot recall, was not a Communist Party member. She stated she can recall small talk indicating that Mrs. LEE PRESSMAN had made various reservations concerning the Communist Party and had indicated to her husband and his Communist Party friends that she preferred a more conventional way of life. Whether this individual subsequently joined the Communist Party Mrs. DAVIS stated she could not know and would only conjecture that she thought not.

Mrs. DAVIS identified VICTOR PERLO as another individual who was well known to her as a Communist Party member during this particular period. She recalled that PERLO was single at the time of their first meeting and

that subsequently he had married a girl who also became a Communist Party member. Mrs. DAVIS could not recall the name of PERLO's wife. She described him as a very "strange character," who at times acted like an adolescent and who at times exhibited what she termed a "retarded character." She stated that PERLO was very emotionally immature and was like a child in that he could be readily advised and easily led by his fellow Communist Party members. She pointed out, however, that VICTO PERLO was an individual "I could be frightened of." She stated she feels PERLO "could never be reached to give up the Communist Party inasmuch as he is a complete fanatic, sincerely devoted to Communism."

Mrs. DAVIS stated she knew ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN very slightly and recalled that he used the name GEORGE SILVERMAN. She recalled SILVERMAN was extremely nervous at all times and appeared "scared as a rabbit that his activities would be discovered." She stated that for this reason Party members and leaders found SILVERMAN extremely hard to handle despite his devotion to the Communist Party cause. She recalled particularly meeting ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN at a time when her husband, HERMAN BRUNCK was in the last stages of his mental illness when SILVERMAN expressed fear that possibly BRUNCK in his mad ravings might expose the identity of Communist Party members such as SILVERMAN.

Returning then to the question of the Communist Party membership of HENRY COLLINS, Mrs. DAVIS stated that, while she originally stated she could not recall the identity of the individual who collected Communist Party dues, she feels now that HENRY COLLINS was actually the Financial Secretary more or less for these various Communist Party cells. She stated she thought HENRY COLLINS was married at that time but could not recall his wife and would not be willing to make a positive statement regarding his marital status at that time.

Mrs. DAVIS also identified as an extremely well concealed Communist Party member Mrs. LEN de CAUX. She identified this individual's husband as the individual in charge of publicity for the CIO during the late 1940's and pointed out that it is possible LEN de CAUX himself was not a Communist Party member inasmuch as his wife took great pains to conceal her Communist Party membership not only from outsiders but from her husband as well.

Concerning MARION BACHMACH, Mrs. DAVIS recalled that this individual was a housewife whose husband was not at all sympathetic to the philosophy of Communists. Mrs. DAVIS stated that she had been unusually friendly with MARION BACHMACH inasmuch as Mrs. BACHMACH had taken care of her and had offered solace and comfort following the death of HERMAN BRUNCK.

At this time in the interview Mrs. DAVIS made the statement that, despite the great amount of publicity afforded ALGER HISS and his brother, DONALD HISS, in the public press, she as of this time cannot recall having known these individuals as Communist Party members, nor can she recall hearing

from the above named individuals that the HISS brothers were members of the Communist Party as of this time.

It was at this point in the interview that Mrs. DAVIS was questioned concerning possible access she had to secret Government files. She stated that while she had no access to such files she had been asked to obtain nutritional formulae from Department of Agriculture sources, inasmuch as her position in the Department provided easy access to these formulae.

She then mentioned in this same contact that her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK, while employed by the N.L.R.B., had been ordered by an unknown Communist Party official to contact "big persons" in New York City regarding Communist Party activities and especially Communist Party strategy on the New York City waterfront. She specifically named JOE CURRAN of the Maritime Union in New York as a Communist Party member whom HERMANN BRUNCK met periodically at New York to discuss Communist Party strategy.

Mrs. DAVIS recalled that HERMANN BRUNCK "became a nervous wreck" as a result of these secret meetings, inasmuch as he by nature was not a devious individual and wanted no part of any underground and/or secret manipulations in the interest of the Communist Party. However, he was sufficiently disciplined by the Communist Party to see CURRAN at New York City when BRUNCK's schedule called for a trip to the New York area.

Mrs. DAVIS stated that at this time she could not recall whether other individuals at New York City had sat in on these meetings but specifically recalled JOE CURRAN's name being used by her husband.

Returning then to the subject of J. PETERS, Mrs. DAVIS stated she knew this individual as "PETE" and "STEVE" and recalled that on at least one occasion and possibly more he had lectured to Communist Party units at Washington on the topic of "Democratic Centralism."

As pointed out in the details of accompanying report, she recalled that, when her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK, had inquired of PETERS the reason for the severity of a Communist Party review of a literary work of SIDNEY HOOK, PETERS had replied that the Communist Party could not treat a renegade as a human being.

She recalled also that, in the spring of 1937 at New York City when JESSICA SMITH had made arrangements for her to talk to J. PETERS concerning her withdrawal from the Communist Party, PETERS had been very kind to her and expressed his understanding of her confused mental condition following the death of HERMANN BRUNCK. Mrs. DAVIS was unable to recall specifically whether in her meetings with J. PETERS she had heard him express anything which might give a clue to some of the project

he headed in this country for the Communist Party.

She pointed out that she feels she has never met ELIZABETH BENTLEY, whose picture she has seen in the public press on numerous occasions and likewise does not recognize the name JACOB GOLOS, BENTLEY's superior in Soviet espionage. She stated it is possible, however, that she met GOLOS and might have known him under an alias.

Concerning Communist Party membership records, Mrs. DAVIS feels that VICTOR PERLO "probably was the individual delegated with the handling of these records because of his fanaticism and devotion to the Party." She stated she cannot be definite on this point, however, but recalls that records were kept but that their distribution and handling were carefully done because of the names involved and the secretiveness insisted on by HAROLD WARE.

It is her best recollection that HENRY COLLINS acted as Treasurer for the units she has knowledge of. She stated, however, that once again she is guessing on this point but added that somewhere in the back of her head she has a recollection that money was turned over to HENRY COLLINS for eventual distribution to a more highly placed Party official.

In the spring of 1937, following the death of her husband, Mrs. DAVIS took a position as a writer with "New Masses," which at that time was edited by JOSEPH FREEMAN, whom Mrs. DAVIS knew as a Communist Party member. In her several conversations with FREEMAN, Mrs. DAVIS happened to let slip information placing her in the Communist Party and providing hints as to the identity of the activities of Communist Party functionaries known to her and other information which, to an individual of FREEMAN's mental acuity, might expose various individuals.

Mrs. DAVIS thereupon decided to talk this matter over with JESSICA SMITH, who at that time was editing "Soviet Russia Today." JESSICA sent her to an apartment in the West 20's or West 30's in New York City where the above mentioned interview with J. PETERS took place. Mrs. DAVIS recalled that "with tears in my eyes I told him I had been undependable and had perhaps unwittingly exposed the operations of the Washington units of the Party. J. PETERS expressed his understanding and stated kindly that perhaps no damage had been done and thereupon excused her from further participation in the Party's activities.

Mrs. DAVIS stated she has not seen JESSICA SMITH since that time but is aware that, following the death of HAROLD WARE, JESSICA became the wife of JOHN ABT.

She stated that either JESSICA SMITH or J. PETERS or "STEVE," as Mrs. DAVIS named him, and "most likely it was 'STEVE'," asked her to make available one room in her Banks Street apartment to store a file case containing papers. Mrs. DAVIS recalled that this file cabinet consisted of 3 or 4 drawers and was kept locked at all times. She never did see the contents of this file cabinet, she claims.



She stated that, shortly after she had given permission for the Party to store this file cabinet in her apartment, an individual, who called himself "YOUNG" and whose first name she never did ascertain, began visiting the apartment almost on a daily basis for months, during which time he spent hours in poring over the various papers contained in the file cabinet.

Mrs. DAVIS described him as a white male who in 1937 was in his forties. She stated he had no particularly distinguishing marks but had a full head of black hair, dark eyes, and had been a hatter by trade for many years and as a result of this had made a great deal of money. She expressed the belief that "YOUNG" was a Latvian by birth and had been a long-time Communist Party member whose only contact in the United States was EARL BROWDER or persons more highly placed in the Communist Party hierarchy.

She recalled that he had a wife and child in the Soviet Union but had been forced to leave them there upon taking up a specific function in the United States. He impressed on Mrs. DAVIS during much of the time he spent going over his papers that he was supposed "never to talk to anyone." She stated that "YOUNG" was a kind and gentle man who had a very soft speaking voice and likewise was a person "whose loneliness I have never seen equaled."

She further recalled that in the 1920's "YOUNG" supposedly had worked in the New York City area for unknown companies in connection with his trade as a hatter. Although stating that she had not seen any of the papers in the file cabinet maintained by "YOUNG," Mrs. DAVIS stated that at least on one occasion "YOUNG" had flashed before her a paper indicating that the Communist Party had intercepted mail from a person in the employ of LEON TROTSKY.

From other remarks made by "YOUNG" at this time and perhaps on other occasions, but the exact wording of which she cannot now recall, Mrs. DAVIS leans to the belief that "YOUNG" at that time was possibly engaged in the Communist Party plot to infiltrate LEON TROTSKY's organization and also that "YOUNG" in 1937 might have had over-all supervision of the plans that led to the assassination of LEON TROTSKY several years later in Mexico City.

It is pointed out to all offices receiving copies of this letter that the Bureau by airtel to New York dated March 24, 1954, following receipt of Boston airtel dated March 22, 1954, has made New York office of origin in a 65 classification case on FNU "YOUNG." Boston, upon its reinterview of Mrs. DAVIS, will question her at great length concerning this Soviet Agent.

Mrs. DAVIS recalls seeing ELLA REEVE FLOOR, HAROLD WARE's mother, who was known in the Communist Party as "Mother" FLOOR, on several occasions. She

stated she talked briefly to "Mother" BLOOR but had nothing to do with her and cannot comment on "Mother" BLOOR's activities in the Communist Party.

Mrs. DAVIS identified JEAN KARSAVINA as perhaps the only person she had recruited into the Communist Party. She identified JEAN KARSAVINA as an individual of Polish extraction who had graduated from Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts, and was employed as a secretary in Washington, D.C. in a governmental agency. She recalled JEAN KARSAVINA had a married sister named PATTERSON (phonetic) and that JEAN KARSAVINA had visited Mrs. DAVIS during 1937 while on vacation from her job at Washington, D.C.

She stated that Miss KARSAVINA had been on the point of joining the Communist Party and had discussed particular points of the philosophy of Communism with Mrs. DAVIS and had joined the Party when Mrs. DAVIS clarified the points bothering this individual. Mrs. DAVIS stated she does not know where this individual is at the present time and whether she is employed by the Federal Government.

While discussing her own biographical data, Mrs. DAVIS mentioned FRANCES HOPE HALE CRYSTAL, the daughter of her brother, MAC EARLAND HALE. Mrs. DAVIS stated that FRANCES HALE CRYSTAL, who resides in New Jersey, was believed by her to be a Communist Party member but pointed out that she had no definite information indicating this to be a fact. She further pointed out that, "My brother MAC is extremely conservative" and indirectly might have been the cause of his daughter's joining the Communist Party due either to his lack of understanding of her or his refusal to give her proper guidance and counsel.

Mrs. DAVIS recalled that word reached her in the middle forties that FRANCES HALE was at that time keeping company with an individual known to her family as a member of the Jewish religion and as a possible Communist Party member. Mrs. DAVIS was asked by the family members to talk to FRANCES HALE in the hope that Mrs. DAVIS could disillusion FRANCES regarding the Communist Party and its members. She thereupon invited FRANCES to her summer home on Cape Cod, expecting to provide her sufficient information on the Party so that FRANCES would give up DANIEL CRYSTAL and call off the marriage. Instead, FRANCES appeared at the Cape Cod summer home and advised Mrs. DAVIS she had already married DANIEL CRYSTAL and that they were then on their honeymoon trip. Mrs. DAVIS thereupon made no reference to the Communist Party to her niece.

She stated also that her sister, the wife of ROLLO WITTEN, of Melbourne, Florida, is not a Communist Party member or a member of any cited organizations, according to her best knowledge. She stated that following the testimony of Professor ROBERT GOLEMAN DAVIS before the H.C.U.A. in

February, 1953, Mrs. ROLLO WRITTEN had commended Professor DAVIS for his stand taken before the H.C.U.A. Mrs. DAVIS feels that had her sister and her husband been affiliated with any organizations similar to the Communist Party they definitely would not have written a commendatory letter to Professor DAVIS.

As has been set out earlier in this letter, it is again pointed out that the interview of Mrs. DAVIS necessarily had to be terminated when her two school age children arrived home from school. The bulk of this interview was taken up in the obtaining of biographical and background information on Mrs. DAVIS and her first three husbands. The information concerning individuals mentioned in instant letter was made in passing by Mrs. DAVIS and subsequent interviews will be directed to enlarging the scope of information on these individuals held by Mrs. DAVIS.

The results of subsequent interviews will be reported to the Bureau and interested offices.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: April 23, 1954

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Winterrowd  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

This is to advise that on April 23, 1954, captioned individual telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office from Grand Coteau, Louisiana, at which time she stated that for the past three months she has been terrorized by one HOWARD B. DeJEAN, JR., described by Miss BENTLEY as an attorney having offices in Opelousas, Louisiana. In connection with this, she stated that at 12:30 P.M., April 23, 1954, DeJEAN had, according to BENTLEY, forcibly gained entry to her classroom at the College of the Sacred Heart and attempted to serve her with a subpoena relative to the case of WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR vs. WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS (Civil Action 5394-53, District of Columbia). Miss BENTLEY advised that she resisted the service of this subpoena and inquired of DeJEAN whether or not he was a United States Marshal or a representative from the United States Marshal's Office. DeJEAN placed the subpoena contained in an envelope on a table in the front of the classroom, and ran from the building and the college grounds. Contained in the same envelope with the subpoena was a sum of money, namely, \$4.84 in small change, the purpose of which is not known to BENTLEY.

Miss BENTLEY states that the subpoena mentioned above orders her to report May 17, 1954 at 1:00 PM in the offices of HOWARD B. DeJEAN, JR., Opelousas, Louisiana, to give testimony relative to the above-mentioned civil action. She advised that the subpoena referred to was signed by JOSEPH A. RICE, Deputy Clerk, U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia. She continued that the above-mentioned action is an attempt to place her in a position where her testimony would no longer be privileged, which suit arose, according to BENTLEY, from her testimony before a Congressional Committee regarding WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, which was subsequently published in the Washington Daily News.

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Miss BENTLEY stated that she was going to direct communications relative to this matter and the "attack on my personal liberty" to the attention of the Director of this Bureau and Attorney General.

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Letter to Director  
Re: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

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Miss BENTLEY was advised that her actions as regards the answering of the above-mentioned subpoena was a matter for her personal decision and that from the facts furnished by her there did not appear to be any violation within the jurisdiction of this Bureau. Miss BENTLEY made inquiry as to what action on her behalf could be taken by this Bureau, and she was advised that this Bureau was not in a position to furnish her with any such counsel with regard to this matter.

No further action will be taken in this matter in the absence of specific instructions from the Bureau.

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, SECURITY INFORMANT, REURMEMO

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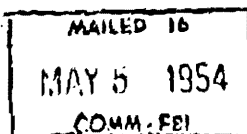
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**Note:** Federal Judge Edwin F. Hunter of the Western District of Louisiana considered citing Bentley for contempt for her failure to respond to subpoenas relative to a civil libel suit by William H. Taylor against the "Washington Daily News." The Judge got the impression that Bentley might be indirectly in our protective custody. In our teletype of April 19th, we instructed New Orleans to inform Judge Hunter that Bentley was not in our protective custody. We instructed Bentley should be contacted and told not to indicate to anyone she was in our protective custody and that with reference to the subpoenas, we did not want her to do anything which might damage her reputation and possible future value as a witness but that this was a matter for her personal decision.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

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Mr. Winterrowd	
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Re: Remylet April 14, 1954 forwarding copies of a letter dated May 5, 1954 to Judge HUNTER from HOWARD B. DEJEAN, JR., attorney, Opelousas, Louisiana, and of a memorandum prepared by Judge EDWIN F. HUNTER, JR., Federal Judge, Western District of Louisiana, addressed to Special Agent JAMES W. HAMILTON, Resident Agent at Lake Charles, Louisiana and dated April 12, 1954. These documents relate to attempted service of a subpoena on Miss BENTLEY in connection with a suit involving WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR vs. Washington Daily News (Civil Action 5394-53, District Columbia).

On May 7, 1954 Judge HUNTER again contacted SA HAMILTON and furnished him with a supplementary memorandum prepared by him on that date reflecting the results of an interview had by Judge HUNTER with Miss BENTLEY at Lake Charles, Louisiana on May 7, 1954. Copies of this memorandum are submitted with this letter for the attention of the Bureau.

Judge HUNTER advised that he is fully aware that Miss BENTLEY is not under the protective custody of the Bureau and that the FBI is not responsible for her actions in this matter. He states that he is further aware that Miss BENTLEY undoubtedly has performed a great service to this country in the past and that he is extremely reluctant to take any formal action to institute contempt proceedings against her, particularly if the plaintiffs in instant suit are possibly Communists as Miss BENTLEY alleges. He said, however, that it is apparent that Miss BENTLEY does not intend to accept service of subpoena in the matter pending in Judge HUNTER'S court relative to depositions from Miss BENTLEY and that he of course cannot permit her to continue to flaunt the authority of his court and in his opinion contempt proceedings against her will necessarily be an eventuality.

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Judge HUNTER noted that depositions were scheduled to be taken from Miss BENTLEY on May 17, 1954 by attorneys representing the plaintiffs in this suit. He advised that Miss BENTLEY informed him on May 7, 1954 that she intended to go to Washington, D. C. and consult with the Attorney General in this matter, indicating that she would so contact the Attorney General on or about May 18, 1954.

Judge HUNTER informed Agent HAMILTON that he is apprehensive of the outcome in this matter inasmuch as he fears, should Miss BENTLEY be cited for contempt, that wide-spread publicity will result; that as Miss BENTLEY maintains the plaintiffs in this suit are Communists and she, Miss BENTLEY, is anti-Communist, and as Judge HUNTER is "against her" in this matter, therefore, she has implied that Judge HUNTER is Communist. He states that he fears that should he hold her in contempt she might make statements to the press so implying that Judge HUNTER is a Communist or favors Communism because of his actions against her. Judge HUNTER has indicated that the memoranda submitted by him to this office are to enable his actions to be a matter of record and stated on May 7, 1954 that he hoped, should Miss BENTLEY contact the Attorney General, that his reports of his actions in this matter as submitted to this office would be immediately available to the Department for reference.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

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Enclosures

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2 copies of memorandum submitted by Judge  
EDWIN HUNTER to SA HAMILTON

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ENCLOSURE

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Lake Charles, Louisiana  
May 7, 1954

Memorandum to Mr. Hamilton, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Agent, Lake Charles, Louisiana

Re: Miss Elizabeth Bentley

William Henry Taylor

vs.

Washington Daily News

Civil Action No. 5394-53

(District of Columbia)

This supplements report of April 12, 1954 relative same matter. Miss Bentley called at my office today. She told me that she had been served with a subpoena by Mr. Howard B. DeJean, Jr. and she wanted me to tell her that the subpoena was not valid. I related to her that I could not pass on the matter as it was not before me, but at her insistence I did examine the law and read to her excerpts therefrom which was to the general effect that service could be made by someone other than the Marshal, and I told her further that while I was not passing on the matter, it would appear to me that the service was good. She proceeded to tell me that she was being intimidated by Mr. DeJean. I informed her that she should consult a lawyer. She said that she did not have money to consult a lawyer. I informed her that because a contempt proceeding might be involved, that if she did not have the money to consult a lawyer, I would appoint one to represent her. She said she would think about this and let me know. Her position is that this is a matter that should go to the United States Supreme Court. She says that she does not think that a federal witness as she has been should be continuously "hampered and intimidated." I asked her who was intimidating her, and she takes the position that Mr. DeJean is intimidating her by representing the people who want to get her testimony, etc. She tells me that she intends to go to Washington to consult the Attorney General.

It now seems certain that Miss Bentley is going to ignore the subpoena that has been served upon her and that lawyers seeking her testimony will ask that she be held in contempt.

Mr. Mason Gilfoil, Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana was present during all but a few minutes of my conversation with Miss Bentley.

Edwin F. Hunter, Jr.  
United States District Judge

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The Attorney General

May 13, 1954

Director, FBI

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.  
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By memorandum dated April 19, 1954, to Mr. Olney, we pointed out that Elizabeth T. Bentley, who is teaching at the College of Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, Louisiana, was served with a subpoena on February 2, 1954, to give a deposition in connection with a civil libel suit by William H. Taylor against the "Washington Daily News." Miss Bentley did not respond to the subpoena and a second subpoena was issued on April 8, 1954, which Bentley ignored. We pointed out that Federal Judge Edwin P. Hunter of the Western District of Louisiana has indicated he is reluctant to cite Bentley for contempt and would not do so for a thirty-day period. We also attached with our memorandum of April 19, 1954, a copy of a memorandum prepared by Judge Hunter and furnished to Special Agent James L. Hamilton on April 12, 1954. We also attached a copy of a letter to Judge Hunter from Howard B. DeJuan, Jr., Attorney at Law, Opelousas, Louisiana, dated March 5, 1954.

The following additional developments have taken place in connection with this matter and are being brought to your attention pursuant to a request from Judge Hunter:

On May 7, 1954, Judge Hunter contacted an agent of our New Orleans Office and furnished Special Agent Hamilton a supplemental memorandum dated May 7, 1954, reflecting the results of an interview had by Judge Hunter with Miss Bentley at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on May 7, 1954. A copy of this memorandum is being attached for your information. Judge Hunter stated he is fully aware that Miss Bentley is not under the protective custody of the FBI and that the FBI is not responsible for her actions. He also commented that Miss Bentley undoubtedly has performed a great service to this country, and he is extremely reluctant to take any formal action to institute

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Judge Hunter stated that he is apprehensive of the outcome of this matter inasmuch as he feels if Miss Bentley is cited for contempt, there will be widespread publicity, and noted that Miss Bentley has implied that he is a Communist. He stated that before citing Miss Bentley for contempt, he decided to consult with Judge Ben C. Dawkins, Senior Judge of the Western District of Louisiana. Judge Hunter requested that the information he has provided us concerning this matter be brought to your attention.

Elizabeth Bentley has also been in touch with our New Orleans Office on several occasions in connection with this matter, during which she has made allegations that she feels that the libel suit by William H. Taylor is a Communist plot against her. On May 3, 1954, she contacted the Special Agent in Charge of our New Orleans Office and demanded that she be given protection by the Department of Justice and the FBI. She made allegations that the "Long political machine of Louisiana" is intimidating and threatening her. She could provide no specific instances of intimidation or threats against her personal safety. She was informed that the Bureau would not like to see her do anything that might damage her reputation and possible future value as a Government witness but whether she responds to the subpoena in connection with this matter is a personal decision for her to make.

Our Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Office commented that at times Miss Bentley appeared to be irrational and illogical in her reasoning but at other points in the conversation appeared to be rational.

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The foregoing information is being brought to your attention in order to afford you the background on this matter and in view of the statements by Miss Bentley that she intended to contact you in connection with the subpoena which has been served on her.

~~Attachment~~

cc 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III  
(w/Attachment)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

O : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: May 12, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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George Sokolsky called me on May 11th and stated Elizabeth Bentley had just called him from down in Louisiana. She is very much disturbed over the subpoena she has received to give a deposition in the office of a local lawyer in Louisiana in the libel suit brought by William H. Taylor against the Scripps Howard papers. She was asking George's advice. She told him she did not mind giving the testimony but she did not want to give it in the form of a deposition and would prefer to give it in court in view of a local situation down there.

George was wondering if we knew anything about the situation and what could be done. I told George we had heard that Taylor had had her served with a subpoena, which she had disregarded, and that another subpoena was to be issued, which it apparently had been; that if she simply did not want to testify, if her testimony was already on record, that, of course, there was nothing we could do, but that if she had any question, certainly she ought to confer with counsel as the disregarding of a subpoena could have serious consequences.

cc: Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Belmont

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (134-435)

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (134-89)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 5-7-54

Re New Orleans letter to Bureau 4-28-54.

On the night of April 28, 1954, Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY telephoned the Resident Agent at Lafayette, La., and advised she had a matter which she desired to discuss with him. On the morning of 4-29-54 SA JOHN B. HONEYCUTT contacted Miss BENTLEY at Grand Coteau, La., at which time she proceeded to rehash the information which appears in referenced letter. She stated she believed that the action on the part of WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR was being backed and sanctioned by the CP and that the whole affair was Communist inspired and that the subpoena for her to appear before a private attorney in Opelousas was action being taken by the CP in order to force her out into the open in order that a libel suit could be filed against her. She stated that this is the method of the Communists in getting revenge on an ex-Communist member.

Miss BENTLEY stated that in her opinion there should be some way of protecting a person who is assisting and has assisted the U. S. Government and who in the future will continue to assist them against any such Communist attacks. She stated she does not intend to stay at the Sacred Heart College at Grand Coteau, La., another year and teach school unless she could get some type of protection from someone or some organization.

As in the past, the Bureau's position in such matters was specifically explained to Miss BENTLEY and she was specifically advised that this Bureau was not in a position to offer any type of protection to her in view of the fact that she was merely a private citizen and was not under any type of subpoena as a witness for the Federal Government.

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Miss BENTLEY was again informed that in connection with the subpoena for her to appear before Mr. HOWARD B. DEJEAN, Opelousas, La., on 5-17-54, that it was a personal matter of hers and a matter she would have to decide for herself, that the Bureau was not in a position to offer any advice in this connection. It was suggested to Miss BENTLEY that possibly she might want to hire an attorney to look after her interests and she commented that she had no money to hire an attorney and furthermore, knew no attorney in the area whom she could trust. She asked the agent to recommend an attorney which was certainly not done.

On the evening of April 30, 1954, Miss BENTLEY again contacted the Resident Agent in Lafayette and advised that on the afternoon of April 29, 1954, she received a telephone call from a Mr. BROUSSARD, who identified himself with the Daily World, a local newspaper in Opelousas, and inquired of Miss BENTLEY as to whether or not she had been contacted by DEJEAN during the week for the purpose of him taking a deposition. According to Miss BENTLEY, she informed BROUSSARD he should contact Mr. HOWARD B. DEJEAN himself, if he desired that information. Miss BENTLEY stated that this was another instance wherein she was being intimidated or terrorized for her failure to appear at Opelousas to give a deposition.

Miss BENTLEY advised that to further substantiate her statement that she is being terrorized and that the college where she is teaching is also suffering from such terrorism, she stated that on the night of 4-29-54 at 10:30 P.M. persons unknown entered the library of the college and from there on into the general halls and dormitories and ransacked the place, slamming doors, rattling coke bottles, and in general terrorized a number of students who were residing in the dormitory.

Miss BENTLEY was specifically informed that this was a matter for the local authorities to handle if she

believed someone had broken into the college; however, in talking to her, she had no specific information regarding any damage or any loss to the college. Miss BENTLEY advised that she is under the belief that the local authorities in St. Landry Parish are also behind HOWARD B. DEJEAN and she could expect no assistance from those individuals. It was pointed out to Miss BENTLEY that notwithstanding the fact she did not trust the local authorities, this Bureau had no jurisdiction in such matters and would not be able to conduct any investigation in the absence of facts to substantiate a Federal violation.

In talking with Miss BENTLEY in recent months, particularly since the occasion arose wherein she was supposed to have appeared in Opelousas, La., to give a deposition, it is noted that she is attempting to apply enough pressure on the Bureau in order to get the Bureau to offer some sort of protection or guidance to her. It has been noted that from interviews with Miss BENTLEY, it is apparent that a lot of the instances which she has related to agents of the Bureau are merely figments of her imagination and she is merely trying to apply pressure on the Bureau to get them to intervene on behalf of her so she will not have to appear and give a deposition in the case entitled WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, vs. Washington News.

On several occasions, Miss BENTLEY has been advised that the Bureau is in no position to give her guidance or counsel and any action she takes in connection with the subpoena which she has received is entirely up to her and she will have to make the decision as to what action she will take. Miss BENTLEY has advised that regardless of what position the FBI takes, she intends to write to Attorney General BROWNELL and also to SENATOR KARL MUNDT of the Senate Investigative Sub-Committee and explain to them her position and request some protection.

She has advised that she does not intend to embarrass the Bureau in any way whatsoever; however, if she continues her tactics it is believed that eventually she will embarrass the Bureau in connection with her actions and statements.

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This office has received a large number of requests to contact Miss BENTLEY for the purpose of verifying information she has previously furnished. The number of contacts with her for this purpose coupled with her current problems suggest the desirability of limiting interviews with her to a minimum. While she has been entirely cooperative, it seems that some offices are routinely requesting that she be interviewed regarding matters which have previously been covered in interviews with her and I can recall no instances in which she has been able to furnish supplemental material to that given on initial interviews regarding particular cases. If the Bureau feels such action would be desirable, it is the suggestion of the New Orleans Division that the offices having the most espionage work be advised to carefully analyze the requests sent for reinterview of Miss BENTLEY and keep such interviews to an absolute minimum.

Miss BENTLEY advised on 4-30-54 that she plans to leave Grand Coteau, La., around May 27, 1954, to go to her home in Connecticut and at the present time she does not know whether she will return because she states that the officials of the college are getting fed up with the unfavorable publicity they have received as a result of her being there, which she states has all stemmed from the WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR case.

SAC, New Haven

May 18, 1954

Director, FBI (154-435)

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY MATTER

For the information of the New Haven, New York, and Washington Field Offices, there is being attached hereto a copy of a memorandum from New Orleans dated May 7, 1954, which deals with the present attitude and mental condition of Elizabeth T. Bentley. The background of this matter is as follows:

Elizabeth T. Bentley, who is teaching at the College of Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, Louisiana, was served with a subpoena on February 8, 1954, to give a deposition in connection with a civil libel suit by William H. Taylor against the "Washington Daily News." Miss Bentley did not respond to the subpoena and a second subpoena was issued on April 8, 1954, which Bentley ignored. Federal Judge Edwin F. Hunter of the Eastern District of Louisiana has been in contact with our New Orleans Office and has indicated that he is reluctant to cite Miss Bentley for contempt but will not allow her to flout the authority of his court. Miss Bentley has made allegations that the civil libel suit by Taylor is a Communist plot to harass her and has even inferred that Judge Hunter is being used by the Communists. In contacts with our agents, Miss Bentley has indicated that she is mentally disturbed by this matter.

You will note in the attached letter from the New Orleans Office that Bentley intends to leave Grand Coteau, Louisiana, on or about May 27, 1954, for her home in Madison, Connecticut. In view of this, requests for interviews of Bentley after May 27, 1954, should be directed to the New Haven Office. There will be no objection for agents of the New York Office, who have previously maintained contact with Bentley, to interview her on matters which are of importance in connection with investigations being handled by the New York Office. In such situations, however, which should be

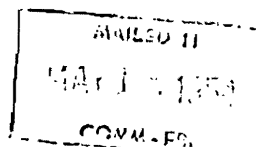
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Attachment

cc 2 - New York (65-14603) (Attachment)  
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cc 2 - Washington Field (Attachment)

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Kept to a minimum, the New Haven Office should be advised  
of the contemplated interview. In accordance with the  
recommendation made by the New Orleans Office, leads to  
interviews for the time being should be restricted  
to cases where it is believed she will have definite  
information of value, and she should not be interviewed  
indiscriminately in cases where there is no information  
indicative of the fact that she would know of the matter  
under consideration.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (REGISTERED-AM)

DATE: May 22, 1954

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

G.I.R.-6

On May 20, 1954, Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised the Resident Agent at Lafayette, Louisiana, that she will leave Grand Coteau, Louisiana, on May 21, 1954, enroute to Madison, Connecticut, where she can be reached in care of Mrs. GEORGE POIROT, Route 1, Madison. She stated that Mrs. POIROT resides on Lovers Lane and has a telephone, but she did not recall the number.

BENTLEY stated that she expects to take about a week to drive through and that she would probably contact the New York Office enroute to Connecticut.

BENTLEY advised that she will be in Madison for only a short time and plans to go to Columbia University to see about making some contacts to attend summer school there to work on her doctor's degree.

The above is being furnished in order that leads to interview BENTLEY can be directed to the New Haven Office for the time being.

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New York (REGISTERED-AM)  
Newark (REGISTERED-AM)  
Washington Field (REGISTERED-AM)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, N.Y.  
5/28/54

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

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PURPOSE AND DURATION NOT STATED. NEW HAVEN REQUESTED TO CONTACT MISS  
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OSCAR SYDNEY COX, wa.  
SILE

Rebulet to Washington Field 5-17-54, same requesting Washington Field to furnish New Orleans with background data and a photograph of COX in order that ELIZABETH BENTLEY might be interviewed in this matter.

By Washington Field letter 5-22-54 a photograph of COX and background information concerning him were furnished to New Orleans for the purpose of interview with BENTLEY.

By New Orleans letter dated 5-22-54 entitled ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, SECURITY INFORMANT, Washington Field, Newark, New York, New Haven, and the Bureau were advised that Miss BENTLEY left Grand Coteau, Louisiana, on May 21, 1954, en route to Madison, Conn., where she can be reached in care of Mrs. GEORGE-FERROT, Route 1, Madison, Conn. Miss BENTLEY stated that Mrs. FERROT resides on Lovers Lane and has a telephone but she did not recall the number. BENTLEY stated she expected to take about a week to drive through and she would probably contact the New York Office en route to Conn. BENTLEY advised she will be in Madison for only a short time and plans to go to Columbia University in New York to see about making contacts to attend summer school there to work on her Doctor's degree.

Inasmuch as BENTLEY is now in Madison, Conn., the following pertinent serials are furnished to New Haven with the request that BENTLEY be interviewed in accordance with Bureau instructions:

Letter to NY 5-17-54

NYO let to Bureau 5-22-54

Report of SA LYMAN G. HAILEY, 4-14-54, Washington, D.C.  
2 photos of subject, OSCAR SYDNEY COX

Copies of this letter have been designated for the Bureau and the offices indicated in view of the fact that they may have occasion to interview BENTLEY. RAL  
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cc-Washington Field (100-29200) (REG)

cc-New Haven (enc) (REG)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/1/54

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

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BENTLEY advised that it was agreed between the Attorney that the taking of her deposition be postponed until July 26, 1954 and that the proceedings would be transferred to Washington, D. C. on that date.

BENTLEY stated that during the meeting at Opelousas, Louisiana on May 17, 1954 she learned that the basis of the suit of TAYLOR against the Washington Daily News was the testimony given in November, 1953 by Director HOOVER and Mr. BROWNELL in connection with the HARRY DEXTER WHITE case. She stated that the Washington Daily News ran a paraphrase story of the testimony given by Mr. HOOVER and Mr. BROWNELL, in which the name of TAYLOR was mentioned, and this was the basis of his suit against the paper. She stated that it was further evident to her that TAYLOR was on a fishing expedition to try to find out what she had told the FBI concerning him, TAYLOR, and the Communist Party activities and members whom she has been acquainted.

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6/1/54

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 10, 1954

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

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New Orleans letter of 6-1-54 advised Bentley furnished the following on 5-20-54. During a meeting on 5-17-54, at the office of Attorney Howard De Jean, Opelousas, Louisiana, she learned the basis of the libel suit of William Henry Taylor against the Washington Daily News was the testimony given in 11-53 by the Director and the Attorney General in connection with the Harry Dexter White case. She said the Washington Daily News ran a paraphrase story of the testimony in which the name of Taylor was mentioned, and this was the basis of his suit against the paper.

The article which was the basis of the suit by Taylor was written by Chester Potter and appeared in the Washington Daily News on 11-20-53. It was captioned "White Aide Holds Monetary Fund Post, Taylor is Under Loyalty Probe." Neither the Director nor the Attorney General <sup>13</sup>are mentioned in this article.

On 2-5-54, Potter furnished a copy of a 97-page deposition taken from Taylor on 12-19-53 <sup>13</sup>and Mark F. Friedlander, attorney for the Washington Daily News. In addition to the deposition, Potter also furnished a Photostat of a 5-page memo concerning the libel suit of Taylor. This memo is not identified beyond the name Potter appearing on page 1 and on page 5. It appears this memo was prepared by Potter for his superiors at the Washington Daily News. In this memo it was stated that "Mr. Taylor's stated grounds for libel are that the News published, under the heading 'Taylor Is Under Loyalty Probe,' the following 'false, scandalous and defamatory' libel: 'Twice, Treasury Secretaries have sought to have him (meaning the plaintiff) removed from his Monetary Fund post because his (meaning the plaintiff) name had appeared as an associate of White (meaning Harry Dexter White) in the FBI 'Red Round-up' in November, 1945, (meaning the letters referred to in

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the testimony of Herbert Brownell before the Senate Internal Security Committee in Washington, D. C., on November 17, 1953), and 'he (meaning the plaintiff) said Silvermaster (meaning Nathan Gregory Silvermaster) recommended him (meaning the plaintiff) to White (meaning Harry Dexter White) as a prospective employe of the Treasury Department in 1941.'" Further, the libel suit says that 'the foregoing was meant and intended to convey that plaintiff was named as an associate of Harry Dexter White in reports made by the FBI to the President of the United States in November, 1945...'"

On the basis of information available to the Bureau, it would appear Bentley is in error when she states the basis of the libel suit of Taylor against the News was the testimony of the Director and the Attorney General in the White case in November, 1953. There is, however, little doubt that the widespread publicity given to this testimony of the Director and the Attorney General on 11-17-53 could lead to this error on the part of Bentley.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: DIRECTOR, FBI (134-40)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, SECURITY INFORMANT. RE NY AIRTEL  
5/28/54. MISS BENTLEY, WHO APPEARED TO BE IN A CALM AND  
CONGENIAL STATE OF MIND, WAS INTERVIEWED AT RESIDENCE OF  
MRS. GEORGE POIROT, LOVERS LANE, MADISON, CONN., AND  
ADVISED THAT SHE PLANS TO RESIDE AT ABOVE MADISON RESIDENCE  
ALL SUMMER AND WILL COMMUTE SEVERAL DAYS A WEEK TO COLUMBIA  
UNIVERSITY, NYC, WHERE SHE IS WORKING ON HER PH.D. THESIS.

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cc: New York (134-182)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/14-18, 21/54	REPORT MADE BY THOMAS A. MENDENHALL dgt
TITLE DUNCAN CHAPLIN LEE, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information in ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage," concerning DUNCAN CHAPLIN LEE is herein compared with information previously furnished by her concerning him.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

There is being set forth hereinunder information relating to DUNCAN CHAPLIN LEE as set out in ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage," published in 1951 by the Devin-Adair Company, together with information previously furnished by her concerning LEE for the purpose of comparison.

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"Besides serving these useful functions, MARY brought into our apparatus one of our most important agents - DUNCAN C. LEE, a direct descendant of General ROBERT E. LEE. Born in China of missionary parents, educated first over there and then in the United States and England, he became a brilliant

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young lawyer and worked for "Wild BILL" DONOVAN's law firm in New York City. He had been a member of the Party for some time, and when we first heard of him, he was attached to the Communist group that functioned within the Institute of Pacific Relations.

"In the early summer DUNCAN took a position as a confidential assistant to General DONOVAN, then head of the O.S.S. He and his red-haired, Scottish-born wife ISHBEL moved down to Washington. YASHA and I briefly considered my contacting him. MARY, however, vetoed the suggestion, saying that he was so high-strung and nervous that the sight of a stranger would send him into a state of panic.

"What does he look like?' I remember asking her.

"Nothing outstanding,' she said thoughtfully. 'Average height, medium-brown hair and light eyes, glasses, rather studious looking. He's a good person, only he's never before been mixed up in this sort of thing.'

"I looked at her sharply, wondering if she herself knew just whom she was working for. I had taken pains enough to keep her in complete ignorance, even though I did trust her sufficiently to give her my telephone number in New York. Whatever her surmises, however, they did not seem to affect her attitude, for she continued to carry on her duties imperturbably. During the summer and fall of 1942 she was my intermediary with DUNCAN, bringing him Communist literature and collecting his Party dues. Besides which, MARY brought him instructions from us and collected his information. His wife, being a British subject, was not at that time a member, due to the American Communist Party's policy in those years of not accepting aliens for membership.

"His material at that point, while valuable, was meager. He would only give MARY small bits of information orally, making her promise she would not write it down but would carry it in her head. Since a Communist does not regard his promise as anything sacred--except, of course, when it is made to his superior in the Party--MARY would memorize the data and then rush home to write it down in shorthand. Nevertheless, this procedure was hazardous, because there was always the chance she might not remember

the information correctly. We tried to get MARY to change DUNCAN's attitude, but unfortunately she was still 'green' at the espionage business and had great difficulty in handling people. The Russian Secret Police were becoming more and more impatient and it was arranged that I contact DUNCAN instead. He was one of the most nervous people with whom I had to deal. His innate fear had been greatly heightened by the 'cloak-and-dagger' attitude that was then rampant in the O.S.S. He was unwilling to have me telephone him, for he was convinced that his phone might be tapped. He sat quite close to me in the living room and almost whispered his information for fear that the walls might have ears. Moreover, although I succeeded in getting from him more and better information than had MARY, he almost always gave it to me orally and rarely would he give me a document, although under pressure he would hand over scraps of paper on which he had written down important data."

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"Meanwhile, MARY PRICE had decided she wanted to give up her position with WALTER LIPPMANN. YASHA and I tried to convince her that she should stay, but it became increasingly obvious that she was cracking up. Finally it was decided that she resign and go to Mexico for the summer to get her health back. We arranged to keep in touch with her through her sister MILDRED (Mrs. HAROLD COY), executive head of the pro-Communist China Aid Council. At first, YASHA and I regarded MILDRED merely as an intermediary with MARY, but soon we discovered she would be a valuable adjunct to our apparatus in her own right. She was at that time, he told me, the organizer of the Communist unit which functioned in the Institute of Pacific Relations--a foundation for Far Eastern studies which had originally been set up by well-meaning philanthropists but which had long since fallen under the domination of the Communists. The organization, because of its respectable past and high-sounding title, had been able to enroll in its ranks a vast number of 'innocents,' among them professors and businessmen who were interested in Pacific affairs. Hence it had, he explained to me, become the center of all Communist activity in the Far Eastern field, offering

a protective covering to a number of smaller, more obviously pro-Communist enterprises that clustered around it. Among these were the China Aid Council, of which MILDRED was executive secretary, and the magazines 'China Today' and 'Amerasia.'

"The Communist group in the Institute of Pacific Relations, which he told me was made up of every Party member in the Far Eastern field--regardless of what organization he was attached to--was set up in a very special way. Instead of being attached to a geographical section headquarters, as was the case with most units, it was handled directly by FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD, who in turn was responsible directly to EARL BROWDER. This arrangement was made necessary because the work that the cell was doing was so secret and so valuable that it had to be protected from any leaks. In actual fact, however, this set-up was pathetically inadequate to protect the activities of the group, as YASHA pointed out to me.

"It's a hang-over from the days when we didn't operate properly,' he said disgustedly. 'At that time all undercover work was routed via the Party. Now we know enough to have our agents directly in contact with the Russians.'

"What are they doing?' I asked interestedly.

"Getting Party members and sympathizers into the United States government where they can be of use to us,' he said. 'They've already done pretty well along this line. They've placed several good solid people in jobs where they can effectively influence American policy on the Far East in a pro-Soviet direction, and I understand they are collecting good information that is being relayed to our friends via BROWDER. The only thing that bothers me is that they're operating so indiscreetly. It's an open secret that the Institute of Pacific Relations is red as the rose. Moreover, with that clumsy set-up, it will be a miracle if the F.B.I. doesn't trip over them sooner or later.'

"Are we going to take them on?' I asked.

"'Certainly not!' he answered. 'I wouldn't touch them with a ten-foot pole. But they might be a valuable source of agents for us. We got DUNCAN LEE from the group and there may be others there that haven't yet been too tarred with the red brush. Keep in touch with MILDRED and find out if she knows anyone in there that we could use.'

"I was still curious about the I.P.R. group. 'But why, if it is operating in such a dangerous fashion, doesn't someone do something about the situation?'

"He looked at me despondently. 'I don't know. Sometimes I don't understand what is going on in Moscow. Things seem to have changed since my days. The old crowd no longer seems to be in charge, and the new ones are very different.'"

On November 30, 1945, Miss ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY furnished a signed statement to SAS THOMAS G. SPENCER and JOSEPH M. KELLY in New York City. Miss BENTLEY in this statement advised that another individual with whom she became acquainted during the latter part of 1942 was Major DUNCAN LEE. She stated that her first knowledge of him came from a remark by MARY PRICE, another of her Soviet espionage contacts, in New York City in 1942 to the effect that she, PRICE, was attending a party in New York City given by DUNCAN LEE, a friend of PRICE's sister, MILDRED PRICE.

In her statement of November 30, 1945, Miss BENTLEY recalled that at that time LEE, who was a law graduate of either Yale or Harvard, was associated with General DONOVAN's law firm in New York City. By way of background Miss BENTLEY advised that LEE was born in China, the son of an American missionary, and was a descendant of General ROBERT E. LEE. She also recalled that LEE attended either Oxford or Cambridge University in England where he became acquainted with his wife, ISHBEL, who was a Scottish girl.

In her statement of November 30, 1945, Miss BENTLEY recalled that while in New York City practicing law, LEE had become identified with various organizations interested in the Far East, such as the Institute of Pacific Relations, and that it was probably through his activities in this regard that he met MILDRED PRICE.

Miss BENTLEY in her statement of November 30, 1945, advised that in 1942 MARY PRICE mentioned to JACOB GOLOS, her Soviet superior, that LEE was going to Washington, D. C., with General DONOVAN in

O.S.S. and PRICE asked GOLOS if he were interested in LEE. She stated that GOLOS replied that of course he was and delegated PRICE to handle him. Miss BENTLEY stated that PRICE did proceed to take care of LEE who was given an Army commission directly upon entering O.S.S., but his contributions were not particularly voluminous or valuable and GOLOS decided it would be better if she, Miss BENTLEY, were to meet LEE and determine exactly the nature of his duties and the type of information coming to his attention in O.S.S. Miss BENTLEY stated that accordingly, through arrangements made by MARY PRICE she met LEE in Washington and he told her he was in an advisory capacity to General DONOVAN, and it was apparent to her that he was cognizant of most of the material directed to General DONOVAN's attention.

As reflected in a record of "Hearing Regarding Communist Espionage in the United States Government" before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948 on page 725, Miss BENTLEY on August 10, 1948, testified that in May or June, 1942, MARY PRICE informed her and GOLOS that LEE was being transferred to Washington, D. C., and felt he would be a good contact for them. Miss BENTLEY testified that she told MARY PRICE to have LEE disconnected from the Party in New York City and when he came to Washington, he should contact Miss PRICE and keep in contact with her.

Miss BENTLEY testified that PRICE continued to contact LEE until she became ill with virus pneumonia in about December, 1942, at which time she came to New York City where she remained ill for two or three months. Miss BENTLEY stated that since PRICE could not contact LEE, she herself went to Washington on one of her trips, walked up to LEE's apartment on the fourth floor of what she believed was 3014 Dent Place and introduced herself as "HELEN". She stated that LEE had previously been told by PRICE who she was, and that this was the first time she saw him.

On Page 529 of her testimony before the HCUA in 1948 Miss BENTLEY testified on July 31, 1948, that LEE was a member of the Institute of Pacific Relations in New York and through that organization he knew MILDRED PRICE, who was MARY PRICE's sister. She testified that when DUNCAN LEE was sent down to Washington to join the O.S.S., MARY came to them (BENTLEY and GOLOS) told them about him, and said that they were to take him on. She testified that PRICE took care of him for awhile and then the latter left Washington at which time she, BENTLEY, took him over at that point.

On page 530 of the Hearings, Miss BENTLEY testified on July 31, 1948, concerning how she had first met LEE. She stated: "Well, he had been dealing with MARY. He knew MARY personally, you see, through her sister, and MARY had told him about me, and the name I have gone by, which was HELEN, and I just walked into his apartment and said, 'I am HELEN,' and spoke about things that only the two of us would know, and that is how we made our contact."

In testimony before the HCUA as reflected on page 731 of the report of the Hearings, Miss BENTLEY testified: "I knocked on the door, Mr. LEE opened it, and I said, 'Good evening DUNCAN, this is HELEN. I think MARY PRICE has told you about me.' He said, 'Yes,' and asked me to come in."

In the hearing before the HCUA on July 31, 1948, as reflected on page 529 of the report of the hearing Miss BENTLEY was asked whether LEE was a Communist and she replied: "Yes."

In testimony before the HCUA as reflected on page 730 of the record of the hearing Miss BENTLEY testified on August 10, 1948, that MARY PRICE was the first one to tell her that LEE was a member of the Communist Party.

In testimony before the HCUA on August 10, 1948, page 729, Miss BENTLEY testified that she brought LEE Communist literature and collected his Communist Party dues. She testified she was told he was a member in New York and that he was made a member at large in charge of MARY PRICE. She testified that she had never seen his Party Card, but had every reason to believe he was (a member of the Communist Party).

In her testimony before the HCUA on August 10, 1948, page 729, she stated that she collected LEE's Party dues from him where ever she happened to meet him--in his apartment or on the street sometimes, or at his house.

In her statement of November 30, 1945, Miss BENTLEY advised that for the most part LEE seemed to be supplying information which in his judgment would be of value, and it was on infrequent occasions that she, at the request of GOLOS, requested him to obtain information on specific matters.

In her statement of November 30, 1945, Miss BENTLEY stated it was her impression at that time (1942-43) that LEE, who had been a Communist Party member in New York City, was of the impression that



the information he had been giving MARY PRICE was being delivered to EARL BROWDER, at that time National Secretary of the Communist Party in the United States, but in subsequent conversations and from remarks which came to her attention later as having been made by LEE, she believed that after a while LEE realized that such information was actually destined for Russian intelligence.

Miss BENTLEY testified on August 10, 1948, that she thought in the beginning of her contacts with LEE, he did not know she was a Soviet agent, but rather that it was his understanding that he was passing information to her just for the use of the Communist Party. As reflected on page 732 of the hearings, she stated that in 1944 LEE did not indicate that he thought she was a Soviet agent, but did indicate he thought she was a Communist.

As reflected on page 729 of the hearings, Miss BENTLEY testified on August 10, 1948, before the HCUA that she imagined that from the spring of 1944, LEE knew she was both a Communist and a Russian agent. She stated: "I imagined so, because that was apropos of that proposed transfer between .KVD and the OSS, and I remember he was quite frightened because he said, 'If they come over here, they will come up to my house, knock on the door, shake my hand, and say, "Comrade, well done".'"

Miss BENTLEY testified on August 10, 1948, page 729, that she remembered this distinctly and that it gave her the impression that he did believe she was (a Russian agent) and he got very nervous during that period. She testified that it was impossible to see him sometimes and that finally LEE's wife arranged a meeting for the three of them toward the summer, she thought, of 1944, and asked her point blank if this was going to Russia or if it was going to the Communist Party, and she said it was going to EARL BROWDER.

On August 10, 1948, Miss BENTLEY testified before the HCUA, page 728, that LEE knew all along that she was a Communist. She further stated that there was a stage when he suspected she was a Soviet agent.

Miss BENTLEY on August 10, 1948, page 732, testified that she did not know how she could have impressed him as not being a Communist, adding that she still did not think at the beginning he knew she was a Soviet agent. She testified that he (at first) was passing this (information) on just for the purposes of the Communist Party, but that she believed that LEE later on did have a question in his mind, as she had explained.

On August 10, 1948, she testified, page 729, that she would place it as the spring of 1944 that LEE became suspicious that she was a Soviet agent. She added: "I mean, obviously so. I don't know what he thought before that." She testified that he gave no indication before that that he thought she was a Soviet agent.

On April 24, 1951, Miss BENTLEY was interviewed by SAS LESTER O. GALLAHER and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. At the time of this interview she stated that LEE was under the impression that information which he had been giving to MARY PRICE was being delivered to EARL BROWDER. She stated that LEE had been under this impression because he had been told that the information was being furnished to BROWDER. She again stated that she believed that subsequently LEE came to realize that information he was furnishing was going to the Russians. She stated that she came to this conclusion because of various incidents and remarks which appeared to indicate that LEE was aware that information he was furnishing was going to the Russians. She again cited the proposal of General DONOVAN for the exchange of OSS and NKVD agents and LEE's fear that if the NKVD agents did come to this country, they would attempt to contact him personally and thus jeopardize his position. In this connection she also stated that sometime in the latter part of 1944 MOLOTOV, or some other Russian official, had made a speech in which reference was made to information which LEE believed was information he had furnished to her. She stated that she believed the information referred to was material given her by LEE to the effect that OSS was in contact with dissident elements in countries within the Soviet Orbit. (She believed these were Rumania, Bulgaria, or Yugoslavia.) Her recollection of this material was that it concerned democratic elements in these countries which had made overtures through their underground channels in Switzerland, who in turn contacted OSS to discuss whether or not the United States would assist these elements in obtaining leadership in these countries during the post war period.

In her statement of November 30, 1945, Miss BENTLEY stated that LEE's wife, ISHBEL, had also been a Communist Party member in New York City, and she recalled that at that time Mrs. LEE was considering seeking United States citizenship and was somewhat apprehensive of the possibility that an investigation of her past activities might reveal her Party affiliations and would reflect upon her husband. Miss BENTLEY stated that on most of the occasions that she visited LEE at his home and on the street, it was arranged that they would meet alone, and the only other person present was his wife.

On April 21, 1951, Miss BENTLEY was interviewed by SAS LESTER O. GALLAHER and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE. At this time a discussion was had with Miss BENTLY as to the basis for her statements concerning her beliefs that ISHBEL LEE had been a Communist Party member in New York City. Miss BENTLEY stated she was not too clear as to how this knowledge came to her attention. She advised that she was under the impression that LEE had told her that his wife had been a Communist Party member until the time when the Party no longer enrolled members who were aliens. She stated that she also believed that ISHBEL LEE had been a member of various Communist front organizations in Washington, D. C., but she was unable to state what these organizations were. Miss BENTLEY at this time advised that she had collected dues from DUNCAN LEE while she was contacting him in Washington, D. C., but that she did not collect dues from ISHBEL LEE.

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"By the middle of September, MARY PRICE returned from Mexico and after some persuasion agreed to go on to Washington in the hope that she could obtain a position in the United States Government. Unfortunately she had no luck. Although she seemed on the verge of getting a job in the Office of Strategic Services, she was turned down at the last minute. Later, through DUNCAN LEE, we found that the real reason for her turndown was 'past Communist associations.'"

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"...I remembered how, a few months before, we had asked DUNCAN to find out why MARY PRICE had been turned down in the fall of 1943; he had promptly produced the information that the reason was because she had been associating with known Communists. When we discovered he had access to the security files, we had asked him to bring us information that might be of value. Thereupon, he had given me a slip of paper on which he had written down the names of people that the O.S.S. considered dangerous risks, divided into three categories-- 'known Soviet agents', 'known Communists,' and 'Communist sympathizers.' In the first group were three names--none of whom I knew; in the second, was an active member of the PERLO group, and in the third MAURICE HALPERIN. We had quite promptly

alerted MAURICE and told him to be careful; the other, since he was more reckless, we had 'put on ice' and told to abstain from any activities for a six-month period. That had been some time before; yet, in spite of our forebodings, both of them were still holding their jobs."

Miss BENTLEY testified before the HCUA on August 10, 1948, that information obtained by her from LEE was valuable to the Russians. She stated that one type of information which LEE furnished was whether the O.S.S. had spotted any of "our people" who were working for O.S.S.

Miss BENTLEY testified that in the fall of 1943 MARY PRICE had applied to O.S.S. for a position there but was turned down. She stated that PRICE was given some routine excuse with no bad implications, but that DUNCAN LEE, when asked to check and find out the real reason, advised two or three months later that he had checked through O.S.S. files and determined that PRICE had been turned down because of past Communist affiliations and connections.

On April 24, 1951, Miss BENTLEY, during an interview with SAS LESTER O. GALLAHER and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE, stated that LEE had told her that the OSS had compiled a list of "Reds" (in OSS). She stated that the list had been divided into three categories which she believed were headed as follows:

- (1) Known Soviet Agents (It was her recollection that this list contained only three or four names, two of which she believed to be Jimenez. She recalled that a third name appeared to her to be Spanish.)
- (2) Known Communist Party Members (This list contained at least six or more names, among which she said appeared the name of DONALD WHEELER.) WHEELER was another of her Soviet espionage contacts.
- (3) Known Communist Sympathizers (She advised that she recalled specifically that the name of MAURICE HALPERIN had appeared on this list.) It is noted that HALPERIN was also one of her Soviet espionage contacts.

In developing the background concerning the circumstances under which LEE furnished her with the above-mentioned list, Miss BENTLEY stated that in the fall of 1943, MARY PRICE had endeavored to obtain

a job at OSS, but the position had failed to materialize. She said that she later asked LEE to see if he could find out why MARY PRICE was turned down for the position. She said LEE was able to determine that MARY PRICE had been turned down because of her past association with known Communists. Among those individuals with whom Miss PRICE had been associated and which association was believed questionable was VIRGINIA PAYNE, a girl from Tennessee, and a British girl whose first name Miss BENTLEY believed was ELIZABETH, last name unrecalled. She stated that MARY PRICE had resided with these girls on Olive Avenue in Washington, D. C. She further identified the British girl as having been married to a doctor and separated from him at the time she lived with MARY PRICE. She stated that LEE had determined from the file on MARY PRICE that VIRGINIA PAYNE had been investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Miss BENTLEY stated that as a result of this incident she and her principals became aware of the fact that LEE had access to security files of OSS, and she told him to keep his eyes open for any information appearing therein which might be of interest to them.

She stated that some months later, she believed in the spring of 1944, during a conversation with LEE he mentioned he had "stumbled" over a file in which were listed known "Reds" in OSS and he asked her if she was interested in this list. She stated that after her reply in the affirmative, LEE subsequently copied the list and brought it to her. She advised that this was one of the few instances in which LEE had furnished her with written information. She stated she furnished this written list to her principal "BILL". She stated that LEE was her sole source of information pertaining to the above-mentioned list. She further stated that the fact that DONALD WHEELER's name appeared on the above list was the basis for placing him "on ice" for awhile. She said WHEELER had been furnishing "ditto" material in such voluminous quantities that Russians sent word back asking, "DONALD" to please restrain himself.

Miss BENTLEY was interviewed at the New York Office on March 7, 1952, by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER. During the course of this interview a number of matters were discussed with her. She was asked if she could furnish further details regarding the list of names, which she had previously stated she received from LEE, of individuals suspected of Communist or Communist front activities who were employed by OSS. At that time she stated she was unable to recall any of these names other than WHEELER and HALPERIN, who were at that time furnishing her with information. She did recall, however, that the first two or three names contained on the list were Spanish. She stated that she did not retain a written list after she furnished this information to her Soviet principals and it was because of this that she was unable to recall any of the other names appearing on the list.

"Then there was DUNCAN LEE, my prime headache for the last several months, who was exceedingly nervous and jumpy. Indeed, by that time his hush-hush work at the O.S.S. had made him so hypercautious that he had taken to crawling around the floor of his apartment on hands and knees examining the telephone wires to see if they had been tampered with. I remember one evening he had begged me to see him, and when I met him he was white and trembling and the sweat stood out on his forehead.

"'What's the matter, DUNCAN?' I said.

"He peered around him nervously, as if he thought someone was listening; then he told me the situation. It seemed he had found out that his boss, General DONOVAN, had conceived the idea of exchanging intelligence missions with the Russians; the N.K.V.D. was to send about ten or twelve men to this country and the O.S.S. would ship an equal number over there. The matter had been threshed out in a top-policy meeting of the United States government; most of the people present had not opposed the suggestion, with the exception of Admiral LEAHY of the Navy, who had said flatly 'no.' A representative of President ROOSEVELT had suggested tentatively that perhaps it wasn't such a good idea during an election year; however, if the N.K.V.D. came in plain clothes and without any fanfare, the idea might work out. J. EDGAR HOOVER, alone, sat back and looked amused, and his words, as DUNCAN reported them, have stuck in my mind.

"'I don't see what difference it makes,' HOOVER said 'Ever since the Amtorg Trading Corporation moved into this country, the N.K.V.D. have been wandering around the United States. It probably would make it a lot simpler for us if they came already labeled.'

"DUNCAN wasn't sure whether the exchange would go through, but the mere idea of it upset him. He had turned to me desperately.

"'I'm finished,' he said. 'They'll come to call on me, and when I let them in, they'll shake my hand and say, "Well done, comrade".'"

"The situation was so ludicrous that I almost laughed; then I realized he was serious about it. What will I do with him, I wondered; he's too panicky to tell the truth to, and surely the Russians will fight to the death to keep such a valuable contact."

In her statement of November 30, 1945, Miss BENTLEY stated that LEE impressed her as being a rather weak individual, who was impressed with being a descendant of General LEE, and most of the time she saw him, he was nervous and emotionally upset. She stated that he was extremely apprehensive about the possibility of being under FBI surveillance and he explained to her that he was in a really vulnerable position as the FBI and OSS, at that time, according to him, were both seeking to have control of all United States intelligence activities, and in furtherance of their claim the FBI would very much like to place OSS personnel in an embarrassing position. Miss BENTLEY stated that LEE mentioned many times that he did not like the work that he was engaged in; that is, the collection of information for her, and he appeared to be troubled with a severe conflict of ideas. She said she subsequently learned from "JACK" who was one of her Soviet contacts that DUNCAN LEE had indicated to the person who took over after she ceased her activities that he did not desire to continue his contacts with the Russian espionage setup any further. She stated that she learned at that time that LEE at that time went to China and she was unable to state whether he continued his contacts with the Russians after that.

In her statement of November 30, 1945, Miss BENTLEY said that she related to "JACK" (December, 1944) the incident occurring some months previously, when DUNCAN LEE, through his intimate association with General WILLIAM J. DONOVAN, in OSS, had learned of a proposal of General DONOVAN to have some NKVD representatives come to the United States in exchange for an OSS mission to Russia. She said that she told JACK that this proposal was looked upon unfavorably by President ROOSEVELT and Fleet Admiral LEAHY, and that, according to Major LEE, Director J. EDGAR HOOVER of the FBI, was supposed to have remarked that it would not make too much difference if the NKVD group did come over because they were here already and had been since the establishment of Amtorg. She stated that she described to JACK how excited and frightened Major LEE was about the prospect of NKVD mission coming to the United States as LEE had visions of this group visiting him at his home and thanking him for his co-operation. She stated that JACK

remarked that this incident was a good example of why the Russians strongly desired that their American contacts not know the real identity of the persons with whom they were dealing.

Miss BENTLEY in testimony before the HCUA on August 10, 1948, reiterated that LEE had discussed with her a meeting at which it was proposed that the United States exchange ten, eleven, or twelve NKVD agents with the Soviet Union. She stated that she was not certain of the number to be exchanged. Concerning this exchange, Miss BENTLEY said that she thought it was in the spring of 1944 that she met LEE one evening in a drug store in Washington, D. C. She testified that at this meeting LEE was very much upset because he had found out that General DONOVAN was interested in making this exchange of NKVD agents with OSS men. Miss BENTLEY testified that LEE had told her that this matter had been brought up at what she called a meeting of the top command of the country. She stated that those present were Admiral LEAHY of the Navy, Mr. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and, she thought, a representative of President ROOSEVELT, together with other top people.

Miss BENTLEY testified that LEE described this meeting in detail to her going into such things as the fact that Admiral LEAHY was definitely against such an exchange.

Miss BENTLEY was interviewed at the New York Office on March 7, 1952, by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER with reference to the high level meeting held in Washington, D. C., during which a proposed exchange of NKVD and OSS men was discussed, she emphasized that she had stated that this exchange was merely discussed at the high level meeting and not that it had been disapproved. She stated that she had no knowledge of the reason for the failure of this plan, but heard later, possibly from J. JULIUS JOSEPH, another of her espionage contacts, that nothing materialized concerning this matter.

With regard to whether this was to be an exchange of men rather than agents, she said that she did not attempt to distinguish the technical terminology of missions and agents, but merely meant that there was to be some exchange of personnel for some purpose or another. She emphasized that this was the way she had testified about the matter in the past. She said that subsequent to the receipt of this information from LEE she had also obtained some information concerning the exchange of OSS and NKVD agents from J. JULIUS JOSEPH.



In her book, "Out of Bondage," on page 258 Miss BENTLEY stated that after meeting a Soviet contact known to her as "AL" (ANATOLI BOROSOVICH GROMOV, then First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C.) in December, 1944, she realized that the International Communist movement was in the hands of the wrong people, and that she and her contacts were in a highly dangerous spot. She stated in the book that there was only one thing to do and that was to get as many people as she could out of the clutches of the Russians and then ease herself out.

On page 259 of her book, she mentions DUNCAN LEE in this connection, stating that he was her prime headache for the preceding several months and that he was exceedingly nervous and jumpy. Also concerning this subject matter on page 261 she wrote:

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"... I decided on strategy: I would slant the information I had on them to such a degree that they would look like poor risks to the Russian Secret Police, who perhaps would drop them. This path I followed.

"Where they were nervous and high-strung, as in the case of DUNCAN LEE, I reported them on the verge of cracking up; ..."

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"Laden with three suitcases of presents, I went down to Washington the week before Christmas; I was to deliver them to my contacts, collect their information, then meet JACK for breakfast the third morning at the Hotel Statler. Everything went very well; all the people were pleased with their presents and gay with the holiday spirit. DUNCAN LEE, who with his O.S.S. training fancied himself somewhat of a sleuth, eyed his leather writing case and his wife's red-leather compact thoughtfully; then he uttered a whoop of joy.

"I've discovered where you work," he said happily. "Last year you also gave us leather goods; you must be in the wholesale leather business."

In her statement of November 30, 1945, Miss BENTLEY advised that she had two meetings with JACK in Washington, D. C., in December prior to Christmas, one being at the Roger Smith Hotel and the other a breakfast meeting at the new Hotel Statler.

In her statement of November 30, 1945, Miss BENTLEY stated that during December, 1944, she purchased a considerable number of Christmas gifts for her Washington contacts, and recalled that on one trip to Washington from New York she had three suitcases full of Christmas presents. She estimated that her purchases for Christmas presents amounted to four or five hundred dollars, reimbursement for which was made by JACK, who seemed to consider the expenditure very mild.

On the matter of giving Christmas gifts to these people, she stated she would purchase a present for each member of a particular contact's family and recalled that among the persons who received gifts purchased by her on JACK's instructions were Major DUNCAN LEE and his wife.

On April 24, 1951, Miss BENTLEY during an interview by SAS LESTER O. GALLAHER and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE stated that after her contacts with LEE at his residence on Dent Place in Washington, D.C., he later purchased a home and she recalled she had visited him at this house on about three occasions. She recalled that on one of the occasions when she contacted LEE at his second residence (probably 1522 31st Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.), she brought Christmas gifts to DUNCAN and ISHBEL LEE.

With regard to the nature of these gifts, she stated she believed she had given LEE on one occasion a leather writing case and at another time a wallet. She also recalled giving Mrs. LEE a red-leather compact. She stated that because of the fact that several or all of the various gifts she gave the LEES were made of leather, LEE, who fancied himself as being a detective, told her that he had discovered the nature of her business. She stated he told her that he believed she was in the wholesale leather business.

On March 7, 1952, while being interviewed by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER in the New York Office of the FBI, Miss BENTLEY discussed portions of her book, "Out of Bondage," and stated that she had written that LEE had fancied himself as a detective and when she made the LEE family Christmas gifts of leather goods, LEE grew quite excited and said that he had discovered her occupation. She stated, however, that she had never indicated to LEE what her occupation was and that LEE's statement was purely conjecture on his part.

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LEADS

NEW HAVEN DIVISION:

AT NEW HAVEN:

Will question ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY as to whether in addition to personally collecting Communist Party dues from DUNCAN LEE, MARY PRICE also for a time had collected these dues from LEE as Miss BENTLEY's intermediary.

NEW YORK DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will attempt to ascertain DUNCAN CHAPLIN LEE's current residence as suggested in Washington Field letter of May 13, 1954.

LOS ANGELES and SAN FRANCISCO DIVISIONS:

(INFORMATION)

Information copies are being furnished these divisions in accordance with Bureau instructions.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Will maintain contact with the State Department to obtain the results of LEE's negotiations in connection with his attempt to secure his wife's re-entry into the United States or his own return to Bermuda.

REFERENCE: Report of SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL dated April 27, 1954, in captioned case.

New York letter to Washington Field in captioned matter dated December 16, 1953.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364413)

SAC, WFO (100-20518)

DUNCAN CHAPLIN LEE, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

There is transmitted herewith the report of SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL dated JUL 7, 1954 in the above captioned matter. In connection with the attached report which compares BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage," with previous statements made by her concerning DUNCAN LEE, it is desired to point out the following.

On page 182 of her book Miss BENTLEY stated that during the fall of 1942 MARY PRICE was her intermediary with LEE, bringing him Communist literature and collecting his Party dues. She also wrote that PRICE brought him instructions from "us" (her and GOLOS), and collected his information.

While Miss BENTLEY in her statement of 11/30/45 advised that MARY PRICE was at first delegated to handle DUNCAN LEE, she did not specifically state that MARY PRICE brought him Communist literature and collected his Party dues. On the other hand on 8/10/48 she testified before the HCUA that she herself brought LEE Communist Party literature and collected his Party dues.

On page 182 of her book Miss BENTLEY wrote that when LEE first came to Washington with OSS in 1942 she considered contacting him but MARY PRICE vetoed the suggestion, saying that LEE was so high strung and nervous that the sight of a stranger would send him into a state of panic.

The files of WFO do not reflect BENTLEY having previously advised that MARY PRICE at first vetoed the suggestion that Miss BENTLEY take over DUNCAN LEE from her.

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The files of WFO do not reflect that Miss BENTLEY previous to the publication of her book, advised that LEE was unwilling to have her telephone him because he was convinced his phone might be tapped. She had not previously stated that LEE had sat quite close to her in the living room and almost whispered his information for fear the walls might have ears.

On page 259 of her book Miss BENTLEY states that LEE's hush-hush work at the CSC had made him so hypercautious that he had taken to crawling around the floor of his apartment on his hands and knees examining the telephone wires to see if they had been tampered with. The files of WFO do not indicate that Miss BENTLEY had previously furnished this information.

There is no information in the files of WFO indicating that BENTLEY mentioned previous to her book her desire after meeting GROMOV in December, 1944, to release her contacts from the Soviet espionage system, and specifically that she reported LEE to her Soviet contact as being on the verge of cracking up.

On Page 260 of her book Miss BENTLEY in discussing an exchange of an OSS mission to Russia for an NKVD mission to this country stated that: "A representative of President ROOSEVELT had suggested tentatively that perhaps it wasn't such a good idea during an election year; however, if the NKVD came in plain clothes and without any fanfare, the idea might work out."

It is also noted that in her book on page 260 Miss BENTLEY quotes the Director slightly differently than in her statement of 11/30/45.

The report of SA JOHN B. HONEYCUTT dated 1/14/54 at New Orleans, Louisiana, in the case on LAUCHLIN CURRIE, was., ESPIONAGE - R, reflects on page 2 that Miss BENTLEY stated that the original statements furnished to the Bureau concerning her activities and the activities of the espionage apparatus contained all of the essential facts regarding these activities. She pointed out that her book was written in such a manner as to give more human interest and reader appeal and to avoid libel suits in the future.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE <b>BURCAN CHAPLIN LEE, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**MARY PRICE collected CP dues from LEE as ELIZABETH BENTLEY intermediary.**

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**DETAILS:**

**ELIZABETH S. BENTLEY advised that MARY PRICE met the subject in New York in 1942. The subject went to Washington, D.C. in May 1942 at which time he stayed with MARY PRICE. MARY PRICE served as the subject's contact from 1942-1943 during which time she collected the subject's CP dues as Miss BENTLEY's intermediary. During this period MARY PRICE also took LEE CP literature.**

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REFERENCE: Report of SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL dated 7/7/54 at Washington, D.C.  
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TO : Director, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 8/19/54

WORLD TOURISTS INC.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

ReBuairtel 10/26/53, in case entitled "LARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE - R".

Re airtel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be channelized to the appropriate individual files.

References pertaining to World Tourists are found in the book on pages 113-117, 119, 120, 122, 123, 127, 128, 133, 136, 138, 142, 154, 163, 188, 201, 209, 210, 223, 224, 228, 230, 235, 244, 272, and 276.

References pertaining to U.S. Shipping and Service Corp., which organization was closely affiliated with World Tourists, are found in the book on pages 130, 131, 133, 153, 161, 162, 163, 209, 268, 269, 290, 291, 293 and 306. In addition, information having to do with the formation of the organization which later became known as U.S. Shipping and Service Corp., is found beginning at page 123.

A review of the information on both corporations found in the book is for the most part, in substance, similar to that furnished by Miss BENTLEY in her signed statement of November 30, 1945 (NY 65-14603-204). Inasmuch as U.S. Shipping and Service Corp. is now defunct and World Tourists is virtually defunct, particularly as it was organized and operated during the period of BENTLEY'S association with it, no dissemination of clippings from the book is being made to the World Tourist case file.

However, a copy of instant letter is being designated for the World Tourist file and attention is directed to the fact that a copy of "Out of Bondage" is maintained in the NYO library should further review of the above mentioned references become desirable in the future.

- 1 - Bureau (97-3030) (WORLD TOURISTS)
- 1 - Bureau (65-56402) (GREGORY CASE)
- 1 - New York (97-13) (WORLD TOURISTS)
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TO: Director, FBI (100-334271)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-96400)  
SUBJECT: MIKHAIL CHALIAPIN  
ESPIONAGE - R

Date 8/30/54

RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 145-148, 231 as JOHN, whom she has identified, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (from a photo (as CHALIAPIN) (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO : Director, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 8/31/54

Rebuaair-tel 10/26/53 in case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER WHITE; ESPIONAGE - R," and New York teletype captioned as above 11/10/53.

Rebuaair-tel instructed that ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY'S book, "Out of Bondage," be reviewed to insure there was no other information in the book which expanded upon or differed with data she had furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be channelized to the appropriate case files.

In carrying out the Bureau's instructions in this matter, information appearing in the book concerning various individuals mentioned was compared with information furnished by Miss BENTLEY in her signed statement dated 11/30/45.

If it was found that no substantial variations existed between material in the book and the statement, a letter reflecting page references in the book on the individual subject was directed to the New York and Bureau files on the individual and on ELIZABETH BENTLEY. If other offices were found to be origin in these cases, copies were sent, of course, to the offices of origin. These letters reflected that a comparison of the information in the book and her statement failed to reflect any material variation.

In those instances where the comparison of information reflected a variance or an enlargement of information in the signed statement, clippings of those portions of the book containing the information in question were forwarded to the individual case files. The agents handling these individual cases were instructed to compare the material in the book with the total information furnished by Miss BENTLEY concerning the particular subjects. If differences were found, then leads were to be set out to have Miss BENTLEY appropriately interviewed to clarify the information. As the Bureau has undoubtedly observed, she has in some instances stated that she portrayed certain situations in the book in a manner somewhat at variance with the events as they occurred in order to add reader appeal and human interest. It is believed that for the most part, Miss BENTLEY'S explanations concerning differences appearing in the material in the book have been satisfactory.

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NY 65-14603

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In each instance in which clippings were forwarded to case files as outlined above, copies of such clippings were retained and have been assembled in alphabetical order under the names of the individual subjects as carried in the title of their case file. One set of these clippings is being forwarded herewith and a second set is being retained by the New York Office in the file entitled, "NATPAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was; ET AL; ESPIONAGE - R." It is to be pointed out that these clippings do not in every instance contain all references in the book pertaining to the individual mentioned, but only those which appear to be at variance or enlarge upon Miss BENTLEY'S signed statement. Memoranda which forwarded the clippings to the case files in the New York Office contained a complete listing of the references in the book on the individual.

In some few instances wherein the references were extremely numerous (such as on EARL BROWDER), clippings were not made. In those instances, memoranda were directed to the case files listing the references with the instruction that they be reviewed and compared with information previously furnished by BENTLEY on the subject, and that leads for clarification be set out if found necessary.

Also, in several other instances in which there were numerous references concerning an individual now deceased or departed from the United States (such as JACOB GOLOS and ANATOLE GROMOV), and perusal of the references failed to reflect any outstanding variations, letters were forwarded to the Bureau in instant case and individual case files containing the page references in the book. In those instances detailed analysis of the information did not appear justified at the present time. However, the letter called attention to the fact that a copy of "Out of Bondage" is available in the New York Office Library should a review of the references be necessary.

A similar procedure was followed with regard to certain organizations mentioned in the book which are now defunct or the material included was collateral to BENTLEY'S knowledge of various individuals (for example, the American League Against War and Fascism or the Institute of Pacific Relations). Copies of a letter were directed to the case files in the event it should become desirable to review this information in the future or to question BENTLEY concerning individuals with whom she may have come in contact in those organizations.

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NY 65-14603

During the review of the book, it became apparent that Miss BENTLEY had used fictitious names for several individuals mentioned therein. Leads were set out to interview Miss BENTLEY to obtain the correct name. In one or two instances she stated she had used fictitious designations because she was unable to recall the correct name. In several instances, however, she furnished the correct name and appropriate channelization of this information has been made to case files.

In reviewing the book it was found necessary to prepare an index of "Out of Bondage," copies of which have been made available to the Bureau, New York, New Orleans, and Washington Field.

An index of the report containing BENTLEY'S signed statement was also prepared and forwarded as amended pages to the report to the Bureau and to offices having copies of this report.

Inasmuch as there appears to be no further action necessary in this matter, this case is being closed.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (134-435)

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 9/1/54

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INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Rebuaair-tel 10/26/53 in case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER WHITE; ESPIONAGE - R."

Rebuaair-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book, "Out of Bondage," be reviewed to insure that there is no other information in the book which expands or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be channelized to the appropriate case file.

References pertinent to the INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS are contained in "Out of Bondage" on pages 182, 193-195, 203, 212, and 258.

Inasmuch as these references contained little information of substantive value concerning the INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS, but rather <sup>was</sup> collateral to information concerning various individuals with whom BENTLEY was in contact, no dissemination of clippings from the book is being made to the INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS case file. Copies of this letter are being directed to the INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS case file to direct attention to references concerning the organization contained in the book.

A copy of "Out of Bondage" is maintained in the New York Office Library where the references may be examined in detail should this become desirable in the future.

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TO : Director, FBI (134-435)

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 9/1/54

G.I.R.-9

AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Rebuar-tel 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE; ESPIONAGE - R."

Rebuar-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book, "Out of Bondage," be reviewed to insure that there is no other information contained in the book which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be channelized to appropriate case files.

References pertinent to the AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM are contained in the book on pages 6-11, 16-18, 21, 25, 35, 36, 42, 45, and 78.

Inasmuch as this organization has long since been defunct and the information contained in the book appears to be of little substantive value, no dissemination of excerpts from the book is being made to the case file. A copy of this letter is being directed to the case file in the New York Office for the purpose of recording the references to the organization in the book and Miss BENTLEY'S association with it.

A copy of "Out of Bondage" is maintained in the New York Office Library should detailed review of the references become desirable in the future.

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1-Bufile 65-56402  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : W. A. Branigan

DATE: September 16, 1954

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
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Pursuant to a request from Edward Nicholson on August 30, 1954, a search was made of the Bureau's files for existing photographs of Elizabeth Bentley. Three different photographs were prepared and were delivered to Nicholson and this was confirmed by our memorandum of September 1, 1954, to the Department in the case entitled, "Nathan Gregory Silvermaster." One copy of each of these three photographs and the negatives are attached hereto as of possible future value.

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Elizabeth Bentley. Photograph ut Nov. 1945.

Elizabeth Bentley  
Photo taken from MacCalls Magazine, 1951)



Elizabeth Bentley  
(Photograph in MacCall's Magazine, 1951)



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81	7/13/53	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
NR	8/1/53	FORM FD-192 - BULKY	1	1	
82	10/7/53	LETTER N.O. TO HQ	1	1	
83	10/17/53	LETTER N.O. TO HQ	1	1	
84	10/23/53	LETTER HENNBICH TO BELMONT	1	1	
85	11/18/53	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
(NR) <sup>am</sup>	11/23/53	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	1	1	
NR	11/23/53	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	1	1	
86 inc.	11/10/53	AIRTEL-NY TO HQ N/1 COPY	4	4	2 NC
86 OUT.	11/25/53	AIRTEL NO FM HV	1	1	
87	11/25/53	LETTER BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	1	1	
88	12/8/53	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	1	1	



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89	12/7/53	LETTER JONES TO NICHOLS	5	5	
NR	12/8/53	LETTER SEATTLE TO HQ	2	2	
90	12/8/53	W/ENCL. (DICTABELT) LETTER BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	5	5	(ENCLOSURE IS DICTABELT COPY OF)
NR	11/25/53	LETTER LEGAT TO HQ	3	1	INC. ...
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/10/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
91	12/10/53	AIRTEL FROM NY W/ENCL.	2	2	
92	12/16/53	LETTER NY TO HQ W/ENCL.	16	16	

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93 inc	12/17/53	LETTER FM. 3RD. PARTY	1	1	
93 out	12/10/53	LETTER FM HV TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/11/53	LETTER NY TO HQ-3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/11/53	LETTER NY TO HQ-3RD PARTY	1	1	
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NR	12/29/53	LETTER AL TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	
NR	12/30/53	ROUTING MEMO LETTER NK TO HQ - 1 PG	2	2	
NR	12/30/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	
NR	12/31/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	5	5	
NR	12/31/53	LETTER N.H. TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/31/53	LETTER NK TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	

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NR	12/11/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/11/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/15/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/16/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/22/53	TELETYPE NY TO HQ	4	4	and released 9/19/79 Document de-classified
94	12/22/53	W/ENCL: LETTER NY TO HQ - W/1 COPY	9	9	2 N.C.
95	12/17/53	LETTER NY TO HQ W/COPY	6	6	3 N.C.
96	12/23/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/28/53	LETTER NK TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
NR	12/28/53	LETTER NK TO HQ - 3rd Party	1	1	
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NR	1/4/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
97	1/6/54	LETTER BRANIGAN - BELMONT	3	3	
NR	1/7/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	1/7/54	LETTER-BATO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	1/8/53	LETTER BS TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	1/8/54	LETTER-WFO HQ - 3rd PARTY	4	4	
NR	1/11/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	12/22/54	MEMO TO BAYFIELD	2	2	
NR	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	1/12/54	LETTER HQ TO LA - 3rd PARTY	2	2	
NR	1/12/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	2	2	

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98	1/19/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - w/16pg ENCL.	17	17	
NR	1/20/54	LETTER N.O. TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	1/27/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	1/28/54	LETTER WFO TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
NR	1/29/54	LETTER NO TO HQ -	4	4	
NR	1/29/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
99 INC	1/28/54	TELETYPE - NO TO HQ	1	1	
99 OUT	1/29/54	TELETYPE HQ TO N.O. w/copy	2	2	1 N.C.
100	2/4/54	LETTER BELMONT TO LADD	1	1	
101	1/29/54	TELETYPE HOUS. TO HQ	1	1	

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NR	2/4/54	TELETYPE HQ TO N.O.	1	1	
NR	2/5/54	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
NR	2/5/54	3RD PARTY LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
NR	2/17/54	LETTER LA TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	2	2	
NR	2/24/54	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	CUT OFF BOTTOM OF PAGE 101 HOOPER COMMENT
NR	3/10/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	3/25/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3RD PARTY	1	1	
NR	3/25/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - " "	1	1	
102	4/22/54	AIRTEL HQ TO N.O.	1	1	
103	4/6/54	LETTER N.O. TO HQ	1	1	

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103 OUT	4/19/54	LETTER HQ TO N.O.	1	1	
104	4/19/54	LETTER HQ TO AAG	1	1	
105 inc	4/14/54	w/ 3pg. ENCL. LETTER NO TO HQ - w/ COPY	7	7	2 N.C.
105 int	4/16/54	LETTER BELMONT TO BOARDMAN	2	2	
105 OUT	4/19/54	TELETYPE - HQ TO N.O. - w/ COPY	2	2	1 NC
NR	4/28/54	LETTER NY TO HQ - 3rd PARTY	1	1	
106	4/30/54	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
NR	4/29/54	LETTER BOS. TO HQ.	12	12	
107 inc	4/28/54	LETTER N.O. TO HQ - w/ COPY	4	4	2 NC
107 OUT	5/5/54	AIR-TEL HQ TO NO	1	1	
108	5/10/54	w/ 1 pg. ENCL. LETTER NO TO HQ - w/ COPY	6	6	2 N.C.
108 OUT	5/26/54	chg. OUT - FD 4-21	1	1	



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108 OUT	5/13/54	LETTER HQ TO AG	3	3	
109	5/8/54	TELETYPE NO TO HQ-W/COPY	4	4	2 NC
110	5/7/54	TELETYPE NO TO HQ-W/COPY	4	4	2 NC
111	5/12/54	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
112 inc	5/7/54	LETTER N.O. TO HQ	4	4	
112 OUT	5/18/54	LETTER HQ TO NH	2	2	
113	5/22/54	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
114	5/28/54	AIRTEL - NY TO HQ - W/COPY	2	2	1 NC
NR	5/25/54	LETTER AAG TO HQ	1	0	Referred
NR	6/1/54	LETTER HQ TO AAG	1	0	Referred
115	6/5/54	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
116	6/1/54	LETTER NO TO HQ-W/COPY	1/1	2	1 NC

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117	6/10/54	LETTER - BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	2	2	
117x	6/25/54	AIRTEL - N.H. TO HQ	1	1	
NR	7/7/54	REPORT - WFO TO HQ	18	18	
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SAC, New York

July 13, 1953

Director, FBI  
(134-435)

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the NY memo dated 6-29-53, entitled:  
"Gregory, Espionage - R." The Bureau desires that future communications  
regarding Elizabeth Bentley should be submitted under the above caption.

With respect to the proposal of INS to develop Bentley as  
an informant or part-time consultant, the NO office was previously  
contacted by INS in NO with respect to this matter. The Bureau  
advised the NO office that they should reply to INS that we have  
over a period of years maintained contact with Elizabeth Bentley,  
and that it is contemplated we will continue to contact her periodically  
for information. They were to inform INS that we have no objection  
to her being utilized by INS as a part-time consultant if she so  
desired.

In view of the fact that you referred INS to the Bureau's  
headquarters, if an inquiry is received here, similar information  
will be furnished to INS. In the event you are again contacted  
regarding this matter by the local NY office of INS, you should furnish  
them information in line with the above.

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cc: 134-56402

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## BULKY EVIDENCE - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AND EVIDENCE

Bufile: 100-385779

~~New York~~ Field Division~~8/1/53~~ DateTitle and Character of Case: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was; ET AL  
ESPIONAGE - R

Date Property Acquired: 11/17/45

Source From Which Property Acquired: Elizabeth Bentley

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: Safe deposit box, Manufacturers Trust Company

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: Evidence. Efforts presently being made to dispose of property.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: 100 \$20 bills totalling \$2,000.00

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Field File #: 65-14603

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: October 7, 1953

Reairtel from New York, 9/9/53, reflecting that BENTLEY will return to her employment at the College of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, Louisiana, on or about September 12, 1953.

It is anticipated that numerous leads will be forwarded to the New Orleans Office to interview Miss BENTLEY concerning the subjects of various Security and Espionage cases. The file in this office is being reopened and placed in a pending status and UACB, the subject will be carried as a Security informant by the New Orleans Office.

No number SAC Letter dated 5/4/50 entitled "Security and Internal Security Investigations (full utilization of confidential informants and sources of information)", furnished background data concerning the subject.

MRK:js

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134-435-82

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (134-89)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: October 17, 1953

ReBulet May 11, 1953.

On October 15, 1953, Miss BENTLEY advised SA's JOHN B. HONEYCUTT and MILTON R. KAACK that a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service had contacted her during the spring of 1953 and that she did some work for the I&NS last summer. She said that the representative of I&NS requested that she do additional work for them upon her return to New Orleans; however, she refused inasmuch as her teaching schedule would not permit her to devote sufficient time to the work requested by I&NS.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. C. E. HENRICH

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT  
BuFile 134-435

DATE: October 23,  
1953

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Ladd —  
Nichols —  
Belmont —  
Clegg —  
Glavin —  
Harbo —  
Rosen —  
Tracy —  
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Holloman —  
 Sizoo —  
Miss Gandy —

HARRY DEXTER WHITE  
ESPIONAGE - R  
BuFile 101-4053

I talked with Supervisor Tom Spencer, NYO, on the afternoon of October 22, 1953. I authorized him to call Elizabeth Bentley in New Orleans to determine whether she had ever furnished to the Bureau information to which she testified before Senator Mundt's Committee regarding obtaining samples of German marks to be used as occupation script by U. S. military forces. Bentley also testified that she had assisted in putting pressure on Harry Dexter White to have the plates of this script made available to the Russians.

Supervisor Spencer later advised that he had talked to Bentley and that it was her recollection she had furnished this information to the Bureau during the first three or four months of our interviews with her. She was somewhat hazy as to whether she had furnished the information concerning the plates. She did not recall having written this information into her book, "Out of Bondage."

The NYO is continuing its efforts to locate this information in its files.

ACTION:

I instructed the NYO to send an air-tel to the Bureau covering the conversation with Bentley.

CEH:LL

cc-65-56402 (Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: November 18, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT :

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 Belmont ✓  
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 Holloman ✓  
 Gandy ✓

Milton Freudenheim of the Knight papers telephoned the Bureau on 11-18-53, and talked to Crosby. He asked if, for his information and not for attribution, he could be told where Elizabeth Bentley teaches school.

After checking, Crosby advised Mr. Freudenheim that Miss Bentley teaches at The College of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, Louisiana. Mr. Freudenheim expressed appreciation.

FEC:ptm

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Bentley  
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134-435-85

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: Nov. 23, 1953

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, ETAL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
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ACTION

The foregoing is for your information in connection with the question which has been raised on this matter.

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cc - 134-435

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MR. D. M. LADD

November 23, 1953

MR. A. H. BELMONT

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RJL:awn

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, 11/10/53

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NY 65-14603  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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NEW YORK, 11/10/53

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134-435-86

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, ESPIONAGE - R. REURAIT-TPL

11-10-53 AM MISSING BUREAU AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE

EIGHT COPIES OF BENTLEY'S BOOK, "OUT OF LONDACH,"

AT \$3.40 EACH. BUREAU AUTHORITY FOR THIS PURCHASE

IS GRANTED AND YOU SHOULD PROMPTLY COMPLETE THE

REVIEW AND TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION IN CONNECTION

WITH THIS MATTER.

HOOPER

134-435

ERT:awn

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: November 25, 1953

FROM : MR. W. A. BRANTLEY

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R  
Bufile 100-435

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On October 26, 1953, the Bureau instructed the New York Office to review Bentley's book, "Out of Bondage," to be sure that information therein does not differ from information she furnished the Bureau and to be sure that pertinent information in her book is channelized to appropriate case files. The New York Office contemplates clipping pages from Bentley's book, mounting them, and channelizing them to the appropriate New York case files or other offices of origin. Accompanying the clippings will be instructions to compare the data therein with data in the appropriate case files to be sure that Bentley advised the Bureau of the information appearing in the clippings and to be sure that no discrepancies appear. Also, instructions will be set forth to have Bentley interviewed if any discrepancies are noted or any clarification is needed. The New York Office by air-tel dated November 10, 1953, requested Bureau authority to purchase eight copies of Bentley's book at \$2.40 a piece. It is pointed out that this is more economical than Photostats or typing.

## RECOMMENDATION

That New York be authorized to purchase eight copies of Bentley's book at \$2.40 each. An air-tel authorizing this purchase is attached if you approve.

O.K.  
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11-25-53

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED

S GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

December 8, 1953  
DATE:

FROM : MR. A. H. BENTLEY

SUBJECT: ALLENBY IN BENTLEY  
Bufile 100-435

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In the attached memorandum it is set forth that Elizabeth Bentley appeared on "Meet the Press" program on December 6, 1953.

Former Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly, who handled Bentley in New York, starting in November, 1945, telephonically contacted Supervisor Langford and stated that Bentley called him from the airport on Sunday, December 6, 1953, at which time she was returning to Louisiana. (The program, "Meet the Press," had been filmed on Saturday). Bentley told Kelly that the Director's comments concerning her before the Jenner Committee were wonderful and made her feel like a different person. She said such comments had given her a fresh outlook. She said she had hesitated writing the Director about the fine remarks he had made, but she now believes that when she returns to Louisiana, she will write to the Director thanking him for his comments. Kelly told her he thought it would be perfectly proper for her to do this.

ACTION

None. The foregoing is for your information.

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WJL:am  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: December 7, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "MEET THE PRESS" PROGRAM  
DECEMBER 6, 1953

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Sims \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SYNOPSIS:

Elizabeth Bentley, guest on "Meet the Press" program on December 6, 1953, was very conservative in her answers to questions and did not allow herself to be trapped. Mentioned Bureau only briefly and each time remarks were commendable. Was asked if she believed any persons whom she knew to be spies to be still working in Government but did not answer. Was questioned concerning Lester Pearson but would not become involved. Said she would not change her original testimony. With regard to Harry Dexter White case ~~and~~ stated she did not know him personally but convinced he was a spy from information given to her by Silvermaster. In answer to question of what FBI thought of her when she originally went to them in 1945 she stated Agents were courteous but noncommittal. Strongly resented word "informer" when applied to her. Was questioned as to whether Truman regime put any brakes on her but refused to become involved in politics. Stated she believes Earl Browder has much valuable knowledge of Soviet espionage. In conclusion she was asked what advice she would give to Soviet spies and she said she would advise them to break with Soviets and report to the FBI.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

I heard her. She did a very good job in face of "loaded" questions directed to her by Brandt of St Louis Post Dispatch & Riggs Souville Courier Journal

134-435-89

cc - Mr. Nichols

DGH:ljc

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memo to Ladd  
12/7/53

December 7, 1953

DETAILS:

Elizabeth Bentley was the guest on "Meet the Press" panel on Sunday evening, December 6, 1953. The Moderator was Lawrence Spivak and the panel was made up of R. Wilson, R. Brant, J. Madigan and R. Riggs.

Miss Bentley conducted herself very well, was very conservative in her answers and refused to be trapped by leading questions. For the most part, she pleaded ignorance to questions on the basis that she did not have any notes with her and that she had appeared before so many committees that she could not answer the questions intelligently without referring to her notes. The FBI was injected only casually and her remarks concerning the Bureau were commendatory.

The first question put to Miss Bentley was did she have any personal knowledge of persons still in Government whom she knows to be spies. She refused to answer this question directly but did state that she was told there was two other rings operating in Washington in addition to the one in which she operated and she presumed the other two were still operating. She stated she had given all information that she was aware of to the Bureau.

She was then reminded that she had testified in 1951 that Lester Pearson of Canada had been used by the Communists. She stated she did not recall this particular testimony and would not be questioned on this point.

She was asked what she thought of creating a commission to quietly investigate subversives in Government rather than have three or four congressional committees doing it with great fanfare. She replied she had not thought about it, although from a witness's point of view it would be much more desirable to appear before one group rather than a number of them.

She was asked what she thought of Igor Guzenko's proposal to make attractive offers to spies to induce them to come over to the democratic countries, much as Canada had done for him. She said she didn't know but it might be a good idea.

She was asked if she was given any inducements to talk by the FBI when she initially contacted the Bureau in 1945. She said no, that she was motivated by purely idealistic motives and if the FBI had come to her with inducements she probably would have resented it and not talked.

December 7, 1953

She was asked if she would change her original testimony today and she said no, she would not. She was also asked if she had given congressional committees all the testimony in her possession and she stated she was not sure, that she only responded to questions and she didn't believe the congressional committees had asked her about all persons involved. She stated she had given all information available to her to the FBI.

She was asked if she knew of any persons still engaged in espionage that she had not named publicly. She said there probably were and that she still believes espionage is going on in America. She was asked where and she said probably in the Intelligence Services, State and Commerce Departments.

The questions then turned to the Harry Dexter White case and Miss Bentley was asked if there was enough evidence in 1945 to prove him a spy. She questioned whether the panel meant personal knowledge on her part or evidence which would be admissible in court. She stated she was personally convinced he was a spy even though she had not met him personally and knew he was part of the Silvermaster Ring because Silvermaster had personally told her.

She was asked if any of the persons named by her had been sentenced to prison and she said yes, and named Remington and Abe Brothman.

She was questioned as to why no legal action had been taken against Silvermaster, Perlo, Ullman and the others she had named. Miss Bentley stated she did not know, that she was not a lawyer but understood that it was very difficult to legally prove espionage. She was asked if she thought the case against them would be stronger if wire tapping evidence were legal and she stated that she didn't believe so because her groups were too scared of telephones and when they did use them they only talked in code, which would not mean much to a monitor.

She was asked how she had gotten away with her espionage activities for so long - were her groups so clever or were the American people so stupid. She replied that she thought it was a combination of both, that the American people were trusting and that at the time Russia was our ally.

The questions then returned to Harry Dexter White and Miss Bentley was asked would the Communists have known of a surveillance placed on them as Truman inferred in his speech. She stated while some of them might have known it, it would

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Probably have never come to her attention.

She was then asked what the FBI thought when she originally went to them in 1945 and would they believe her. She stated she did not know, that they were very courteous but noncommittal. She was asked if their faces didn't betray some of their feelings regarding her story and she said no, that FBI Agents were well trained and had poker faces and gave no indication to her what they thought of her story. She did say that Agents told her a month after her initial visit to the Bureau in New Haven, Connecticut, that the story she told had been double checked carefully and her allegations verified.

Miss Bentley showed the most emotion when one of the panel used the word "informer" in regard to her. She said she resented this word very much, that she and others like her were only doing their civic duty and she did not consider herself a "tattle tale."

She was asked what made her finally see the light and she stated she got good and mad when her superiors tried to bribe her and tie her down. She explained that she had <sup>been</sup> working out of idealistic motives but they tried to involve her by offering her fur coats, money and other material things which was a favorite trick to involve individuals.

She was asked why she was in Washington, was it to appear before other hearings and she said no, she was in town only to appear on the program.

She was then asked did she think any brakes were put on her information by the Truman regime. She refused to answer this question and stated she did not want to get into politics. She was then asked how well she knew Earl Browder and she stated she worked closely with him and reported to him from 1942, when her immediate superior died, until 1946. She stated she believes Browder knows a great deal concerning Soviet espionage and that as head of the Communist Party at the time furnished Agents for Soviet espionage, covers for their work, and did other odd jobs. She said she believed he had important information today.

She was asked what concrete evidence did she turn over to the FBI in 1945, namely, did she have any documents or other pieces of evidence. She stated no, it was merely her story, her memory of meetings, of people she had worked with and documents that had passed through her hands. She was asked if she handled the currency plates which were turned over to Russia and she stated

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ng, she only handled samples of the money they would make but the prints were turned over legally by the Government.

She was asked if her life had been threatened and she said yes, many times. She was asked if she was actively engaged in anti-Communist work now and said no, she was teaching, lecturing and trying to awaken the American people.

In conclusion she was asked what advice she would give the spies working for Soviet Russia today and she stated she would tell them to break with the Soviets and go to the FBI with their information.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-361126)

12-8-53

SAC, SEATTLE (65-2998)

DONALD NIVEN WHEELER  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

There are attached hereto a considerable number of clippings which in summary reflect that WHEELER wrote a letter to "The Sequim Press", which is a weekly newspaper, which was published in the November 26, 1953, issue, and a similar letter almost identical to the "Port Angeles Evening News", which was published on Wednesday, December 2, 1953. The article by WHEELER to the two papers, copies of which are attached, is a tirade against the HARRY DEXTER WHITE publicity with a view to the fact that since he has been maligned throughout the country he is asking space in these two newspapers, where he lives, to defend himself. The language of the letters is intemperate and is so wild that Editor C. N. WEBSTER advises me that they published the whole content of the letters as speaking for themselves in evading the point and trying to throw a smoke screen. I went to Port Angeles and talked with WEBSTER, who advises me that he felt very strongly about the situation not only due to his position and the character of WHEELER but also due to the fact that they both were graduates of Reed College, which clarifies WEBSTER's comments concerning the article, which are also attached.

As a result of WEBSTER's solidifying his thinking in connection with the situation plus the fact that WHEELER was then in San Francisco where he had refused to testify to the "sixty-four dollar question", as WEBSTER puts it, he made it available to the Associated Press expecting that it would backfire on WHEELER and possibly provide a libel suit basis for ELIZABETH BENTLEY to sue WHEELER for defamation of character.

As the Bureau undoubtedly would be aware, these two newspapers are very, very small in size due to their communities, and I did not feel that I should comment concerning WHEELER's letter since apparently Mr. WEBSTER had it all set up as to how it should be handled and had stated that the whole community knows of the situation. As an example of this, WEBSTER cited the point that there is another family, wholly innocent, named WHEELER who also live in Sequim who have had to take the trouble to advise everybody in Sequim and Port Angeles that there is no connection of their family with the subject, inasmuch as they are receiving considerable abuse and derision by the public, the stores, etc., in these two places because they think this is the subject's family. In view of this over-all situation, no comment was made by me at the time as I felt that the Bureau should not dignify WHEELER's comments beyond the action already taken.

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DIRECTOR, FBI  
RE: DONALD NIVEN WHEELER  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

SAC, SEATTLE  
December 8, 1953

Mr. WEBSTER states that he intends to pursue this matter somewhat further in that at the time his office telephonically called WHEELER to get more detail about the subpoena to San Francisco, WHEELER stated that he would not argue the question now as to his membership in the Party and gave an additional answer that was intended to make the newspaper believe the problem had been all settled at the time he was subpoenaed in 1948. WEBSTER has checked and advises that although it is common rumor that WHEELER was subpoenaed, they could not find that he had ever testified in any way on the situation. He intends to probe further as to this to connect it up.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any developments.

## Office Memorandum • UNITEL • GOVERNMENT

TO : A. M. Belmont

DATE: December 8, 1953

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
(*"Meet the Press"* interview of December 6, 1953)

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 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SYNOPSIS:

Elizabeth Bentley appeared on the television show, "Meet the Press," on Sunday, 12/6/53. In response to a question she stated that she had given all her information to the FBI. She said that she did not know if the FBI knew of her espionage activities before she confessed to them in 1945. Miss Bentley commented that she has no reason to change any testimony previously given. She observed that she never met Harry Dexter White but did see information that he passed, and accepted the word of Silvermaster that White was part of his group. Miss Bentley suggested that anyone involved in espionage activities who wished to break away should go to the FBI where they would be well treated. Miss Bentley advised a former Special Agent on 12/6/53 that the Director's comments about her before the Jenner Committee were wonderful. Although she had hesitated before, she now intends to write the Director and thank him for his remarks.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is furnished for your information.

DETAILS:

On December 6, 1953, Elizabeth Bentley appeared on the television show, "Meet the Press." Larry Spivak was moderator, and the following comprised the questioning panel: Richard Wilson, Cowles Publications; Raymond Brandt, St. Louis Post Dispatch; John Ladigan, Hearst Publications; Robert Ellis, Louisville Courier Journal.

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Mr. Spivak introduced Miss Bentley as a former Soviet spy and courier. He then read the Director's comments about Miss Bentley's reliability and accuracy as given by the Director in his testimony before the Jenner Committee on November 17, 1953.

Miss Bentley then declined to answer a question as to whether or not she had personal knowledge that any U. S. Government employees were now spying for Russia. She stated that she had given all her information to the FBI. She was asked if she recalled testifying in August, 1951, that Lester Pearson (Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs) had been used by a Communist spy ring. Miss Bentley said that she could not remember all the testimony she gave before committees and could not comment on the Pearson questioning unless she had an opportunity to review her testimony. In answer to another question Miss Bentley said that she did not know if the FBI knew of her activities before she confessed to the FBI in 1945. She said she was not induced to break from her espionage activities by the FBI. She pointed out that the Russians had tried to bribe her, and this was the deciding factor in her break. She intimated that her idealism was shattered by the monetary offering.

Miss Bentley declared that she has no reason to now change any testimony that she has given previously.

In connection with the Harry Dexter White case she said that she had never met White, pursuant to his wish, but she saw material that he passed and she was told by Silvermaster that White was part of his group.

Miss Bentley was asked if she was under suspicion during the years that she was involved in Soviet espionage and she advised Mr. Spivak that he would have to ask the Director that question. Spivak then asked about Earl Browder and Bentley replied that Browder knew a great deal about the Communist conspiracy in the United States.

In answer to a question from Mr. Wilson as to what action she would recommend to people who are involved in espionage and who are on the verge of breaking, Miss Bentley suggested that such individuals should go to the FBI where they would be well treated.

Miss Bentley was asked a number of questions in which her opinions were solicited and any responses she made would necessarily be conjectural. She was generally successful in avoiding answering such questions. It might be stated that Miss Bentley handled herself quite well on the program while the newspapermen involved created the impression that they did not know what to ask Miss Bentley.

Former Special Agent J. M. Kelly, who handled Bentley in New York starting in November, 1945, telephonically contacted Supervisor R. J. Lamphere on December 7, 1953. Kelly said that Bentley had called him from the airport on Sunday, December 6, 1953, at which time she was returning to Louisiana. (The program, "Meet the Press" had been filmed on Saturday) Bentley told Kelly that the Director's comments concerning her before the Jenner Committee were wonderful and made her feel like a different person. She said such comments had given her a fresh outlook. She said she had hesitated writing the Director about the fine remarks he had made, but she now believes that when she returns to Louisiana she will write to the Director thanking him for his comments. Kelly told her he thought it would be perfectly proper for her to do this.

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**Elizabeth Bentley Signs  
To 'Meet the Press'**

New York, Dec. 1 (INS)—  
Elizabeth Bentley, former Soviet  
spy ring courier, was signed  
Tuesday to appear next Sunday  
night on the "Meet the Press"  
television and radio programs.  
Miss Bentley, whose testimony  
led to the perjury conviction of  
William W. Remington, former  
Department of Commerce econo-  
mist, will be interviewed on  
N.B.C. TV at 6 p.m. Sunday and  
the radio program will be heard  
at 10:30 o'clock the same night.  
(The program is seen in Wash-  
ington on WNBW, Channel 4.)

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TESTIMONY OF ELIZABETH BENTLEY

OR

"MEET THE PRESS"

DECEMBER 6, 1953

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Date: November 25, 1953

To: Director, FBI

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Subject: HARRY DEXTER WHITE  
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TO: Director, FBI (100-365040)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-95068)  
SUBJECT: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, was  
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

Date 12/10/53

Reb Airtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENFLEYS book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which exceeds upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages, 130, 137 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENFLEYS signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Dir, FBI (100-355470)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-83935)  
SUBJECT: CHARLES KRAMER, was  
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(OO: Portland)

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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 239 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENFLEVIS signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264). N.Y. File

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TO: Dir FBI (100-61835)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-13444)  
SUBJECT : JOSEPH NORTH, wa  
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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 156, 178, 210 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENZLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (100-342716)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-79426)

SUBJECT : JOSEPH BERNARD GREGG, was  
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(OO: Washington Field)

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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 261 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1949, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (101-6611)  
FROM: SAC, New York (101-643)  
SUBJECT: ROBERT TALBOTT MILLER III  
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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 137, 138, 139, 155, 261 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Direct<sup>or</sup>, FBI (100-34463)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-95067)  
SUBJECT : CEDRIC BELFRAGE  
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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 201, 202 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (100-310008)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-50984)

SUBJECT : THEODORE BAYER, was  
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Date 12/10/53

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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 124 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-14609)  
NEW ORLEANS (134-89)  
ELIZABETH BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION. AN  
ADVERTISEMENT IN THE NEW YORK MIRROR OF DECEMBER 9, 1953,  
REFLECTS ARTICLES ENTITLED, "MY OWN STORY," BY ELIZABETH  
BENTLEY ARE TO START IN THE SUNDAY MIRROR. YOU ARE TO IMMEDIATELY  
FORWARD EACH ARTICLE AS IT APPEARS TO THE BUREAU WITH A SHORT  
ANALYSIS SETTING FORTH ANY INFORMATION IN THE ARTICLES NOT  
PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO THE BUREAU BY BENTLEY. ANY SUCH INFORMATION  
SHOULD ALSO BE THE BASIS FOR LEADS TO THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE TO  
INTERVIEW BENTLEY. YOU SHOULD ALSO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT COPIES OF  
THE ARTICLE TO CHANNELIZE THE INFORMATION TO THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL  
FILES ON PERSONS NAMED BY BENTLEY. THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN LINE  
WITH THE BUREAU'S PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS TO YOU CONCERNING BENTLEY'S  
BOOK, "OUT OF BONDAGE." THIS MATTER IS TO BE EXPEDITIOUSLY  
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Every American  
 Should Read  
**"MY  
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By  
**Elizabeth Bentley**

Startling disclosures of  
 Red espionage by the  
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 Starts Sunday in the  
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Date: 12/10/53

STANDARD FORM NO. 64  
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 12/16/53

ReBuair-tel 12/10/53. Forwarded herewith are clippings of articles by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY which appeared in the "New York Daily Mirror" on 12/13, 14, 15, 16/53. These are the first four of a six article series which is appearing in the "New York Daily Mirror". It would seem apparent that BENTLEY'S material was closely edited by the publishers of the stories and that in so doing some minor changes have been made to give the articles more reader appeal. It would also appear that the material is basically the same as that originally furnished by BENTLEY to Bureau agents. It is also observed that practically all the material in these articles also appears in Miss BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage". It is possible that BENTLEY in rewriting this material in its present form may have "dressed up" the material to point out the importance of the information which she had.

Attention is called to the article appearing in the "New York Daily Mirror" on 12/13/53, in which she relates that WHITE furnished information that Secretary of Treasury MORGANTHAU was disgruntled with the reception Moscow was giving American lend-lease effort and WHITE'S suggestion that an accolade for the work being done by the US toward winning the war be included in a speech by STALIN. This information is basically the same as that originally furnished by BENTLEY to Bureau agents regarding this incident.

Information relative to LAUCHLIN CURRIE contained in the article appearing on 12/15/53, appears to be a more colorful portrayal by BENTLEY of information previously given by her to the Bureau and it appears she may be augmenting facts originally known to her with information she has obtained through Congressional hearings and other sources since her original statement.

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It does not appear that she has told the Bureau of the instructions SILVERMASTER received when in danger of being ousted from Government service as a disloyal person to contact CURRIE and WILL, although the part CURRIE played in this matter is well documented and is mentioned in BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" on page 174. CURRIE'S file indicates that this information probably also appeared in BENTLEY'S testimony before the HCUA, inasmuch as he replied to this charge in his own testimony.

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Material appearing in the article of 12/13/53 concerning the existence of the "third spy ring" in Washington is similar to material furnished by her in her signed statement of 11/30/45, (page 105 of the report of SA THOMAS G. SILVERMASTER, NY, 12/5/45) concerning HAROLD GLASSER and other statements which she has made to the press, at the Congressional Committee hearings and elsewhere.

Copies of the remaining two articles to appear will be forwarded following their appearance with an accompanying analysis of the information appearing therein.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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IN BENTLEY-S BOOK, "OUT OF BONDAGE", PAGE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYTWO, SHE MENTIONS THAT SILVERMASTER SECURED HIS POSITION WITH THE BEW WITH THE AID OF CURRIE AND WHITE AND ON PAGE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYTHREE STATES THAT SHE TOLD SILVERMASTER WHEN HE WAS FACED WITH THE CHARGE OF BEING A COMMUNIST NOT TO RESIGN FROM THE BEW BUT TO STAND HIS GROUND, PULL EVERY STRING HE COULD TO GET THIS BUSINESS QUASHED AND TO USE CURRIE AND WHITE AND ANYONE ELSE HE KNEW AND TRUSTED. SHE CONTINUED THAT HER SOVIET SUPERIORS AGREED WITH HER ON HER ANALYSIS AND THAT SILVERMASTER WAS TOLD TO STAY AND FIGHT BACK. ON PAGE TWO HUNDRED SIXTYTHREE, BENTLEY WROTE THAT EARL BROWDER TOLD HER HE HAD ENGINEERED HIS MEETING WITH SUMNER WELLES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT THROUGH CURRIE. IN BENTLEY-S

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SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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ReBuair-tel, 12/10/53 and my letter 12/16/53.

Forwarded herewith are clippings of articles by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY which appeared in the "New York Daily Mirror" on 12/17 and 18/53. These are the last two of a series of six articles which appeared in this newspaper. Comments made in referenced New York letter of 12/16/53 also appear to apply to the enclosed articles.

Attention is called to remarks contained in the article of 12/17/53, concerning WILLIAM BATT of the WPE, in which Miss BENTLEY states, "I recall that one official about whom the Russians never seemed to be able to obtain enough information was a WILLIAM BATT of the War Production Board. His name came up time and again."

"The members of the espionage rings would be asked to give their evaluation of the 'attitude' of the U. S. official under study, and these reports would then be handed back to the Russians for their guidance."

These remarks appear to place somewhat more emphasis on the Russian's curiosity concerning BATT than has been furnished by BENTLEY heretofore. However, it is noted that in her book, "Out of Bondage", on pages 169 and 170, she makes the following statements:

"What the Russians wanted to know was practically limitless. They asked for information on Communists they were considering taking on as agents, on anti-Soviet elements in Washington, on the attitudes of high up Government officials in a position to help or hinder the Soviet Union -- such as WILLIAM BATT of the War Production Board."

In the article of 12/18/53, BENTLEY stated that WHITE had proposed to Secretary of Treasury MORGANTHAU that the treasury exchange secret information with other strategic Government agencies and that when this plan was ultimately in full operation the Treasury was trading information with seven or eight agencies, all of which vital data funneled through WHITE and he, in turn, passed it on to the spy ring.

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It is believed these remarks may be based, in part, on information which BEALEY has picked up from other sources concerning WHITE and "dressed up" for publication at this time because of the current interest in WHITE.

New Orleans should interview Miss BEALEY fully regarding the identities of her principals, who made the inquiries concerning WILLIAM LATT, and the identity of persons who furnished information concerning him, together with the nature of any such information furnished to her.

New Orleans should also question Miss BEALEY further with regard to the basis for her remarks concerning WHITE having been instrumental in persuading Secretary of Treasury MORGANTHAU into formulating a policy of exchanging secret information with other Government agencies. She should be asked if she at this time recalls any further information which was furnished to her by WHITE as a result of this policy.

# Ex-Spy Queen Tells Own Story

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# Line Ran Straight To Stalin, Says Bentley

**T**HIS is the first article of a six-part series by Elizabeth Bentley, an admitted former Soviet spy courier, whose testimony naming 37 persons as agents in Red networks operating in the U. S. has been labeled entirely accurate by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In this series—the first she has ever written for any newspaper—she goes behind the scenes of espionage operations, names the high-placed officials who stole American secrets, tells of some specific acts of treachery accomplished by Americans who were espionage agents for the Soviet.

In today's article, she relates a hitherto unknown incident of high-level espionage intrigue and tells how she first entered the Communist Party.

**By ELIZABETH BENTLEY**

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**T**HE names of Harry Dexter White, William Ludwig Ullman, Harold Glasser and other persons identified with a Soviet espionage ring whose tentacles were deep inside the United States government have been appearing in the nation's headlines. The disclosures at long last are being brought with the impact they deserve to the attention of the American people.

The knowledge of the insidious operations of the Russian Soviet spy network comes understandably as a brutal shock to millions of Americans. The question naturally arises whether it is true that vital American secrets, information upon which depended the nation's security and safety, were actually passed with such impunity and such great volume to Soviet agents by persons in positions of trust and importance in the U. S. Government.

I can attest that they were.

I know this not as a matter of conjecture or from second-hand information. I know it because I was one of the most important cogs in the Russian spy system which operated—and probably still is operating—in the U. S.

It was my job, indeed my "duty," during the decade I was a member of the Soviet underground to collect stolen secrets from American agents and transmit them directly to



Harry D. White



Nathan Silvermaster



Harold Glasser

Named in Elizabeth Bentley's startling testimony.

representatives of the Russian secret police here. These spies were everywhere. In the most sensitive wartime bureaus, in the Army, the Air Force, the State Department, the Treasury Department, the White House itself.

These agents, men like Harry Dexter White, Lauchlin Currie, Victor Perlo, Maurice Halperin, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and others, were not professional paid spies. They were men who knowingly—or with minds deliberately closed against recognition of this knowledge—acted as spies on "ideological" grounds.

I saw the documents they stole. I listened to the secret information they transmitted verbally. I collected the Communist Party dues from many of them. I brought them their orders from the Soviet superiors. I was the watchdog set over them to keep them in line and to spur them on to greater espionage activity.

As I look back upon this turbulent, terrible, misguided phase of my life, even I find it hard to believe how important was the information I funneled into the espionage channels that led directly to Moscow.

I recall how on one occasion, the very tone of international relations between the United States and Russia was affected by my underground work. It was during World War II, when the United States was supplying the sinews of war and astronomical sums of money to the Russians.

In one of my bi-weekly meetings with Silvermaster, who

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headed one of the two major spy groups I "controlled," he reported to me that he had a message from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Harry Dexter White. White, he said, had informed him that Treasury Secretary Morgenthau was unhappy and disgruntled with the reception Moscow was giving the gigantic American lend-lease effort.

"Those damn Russians don't seem to appreciate what we are doing," White quoted Morgenthau.

**WHITE TOLD** Silvermaster that it was of the utmost importance that Morgenthau be placated, that this powerful official of the U. S. Government be kept in a receptive mood towards Russia's unceasing demands for more military equipment, for more funds, Morgenthau, he said, must not become resistant to the unremitting pressure for greater monetary allocations for the Soviet.

White, Silvermaster told me, suggested that it would be a master stroke for Premier Stalin to include in one of his speeches an accolade for the work being done by the United States toward winning the war.

This information I passed on to my Soviet "contact" in New York upon my return from Washington. The message was forwarded instantly to Moscow. And in due course, Stalin carried out White's suggestion. Stalin publicly paid tribute to U. S. productivity and the part it was playing in the global struggle against Nazi aggression, and to the importance of the entire lend-lease program.

**MORGENTHAU WAS** placated. Thanks to the Soviet espionage system, one of the most important officials in wartime Washington had been convinced in the "attitude" desired by White and required by the Russians.

But it was many years after I became a Communist before I was entrusted with such high-level courier work. First, I had to be cast in the Communist mold, blinded by its dogma, enslaved by its discipline.

I am telling my story now, revealing never-before-told facts of the Soviet espionage system, to strengthen the alert that is now being sounded across our land. Soviet espionage is not fanciful, haphazard, sporadic or ineffectual.

**IT IS REAL,** factual, effective and terribly, incredibly dangerous.

I was born Elizabeth Terrill Bentley in 1908 in New Milford, Conn., only child of Mary

Charlotte Turrill, a school teacher, and Charles Prentiss Bentley, son of a Baptist preacher and a small-time businessman.

Both my parents were Republican, indeed my father was a member of the Republican Committee in New Milford. Both were liberal-minded in that they had a strong sense of social justice about society's unfortunates, but they did not believe in any specific "liberal" political doctrine.

**AFTER BEING GRADUATED** from Vassar, where I majored in English and romance languages, I enrolled for a master's degree at Columbia and then spent one year studying on a scholarship at the University of Florence in Italy.

Italy was then under the Fascist heel and what I saw there inspired in me a burning hatred of fascism. I returned to this country in 1931 in the midst of a major depression. I felt that American democracy was falling apart at the seams, that fascism was a major threat to the U.S.

Eager to do something to combat this menace, I was easy prey for the American League Against War and Fascism, an organization which, although I did not know it at the time, was under the control of the Communist Party.

**BROUGHT INTO THE LEAGUE** by Lee Fuhr, a nurse studying at Teachers' College, I was gratified that I was now working for justice and humanity. The next step, in retrospect, was inevitable. The pressure brought to bear upon me by members of the League to join the Communist Party was irresistible.

I was enjoined, derided and ostracized for my uncertainty about joining the Party. I was made to feel that I was a traitor to my high ideals if I did not join the only militant group working for social justice.

And so, in March, 1935, more from a desire to conform than from conviction, I joined the Party and took the Party name of

Elizabeth Sherman after one of my Colonial ancestors.

**THIS I BECAME** a Communist to fight the good fight. How startled I would have been had I been told then that I had taken the first step toward becoming one of the most important couriers for the Soviet espionage system in the U. S.

*(Tomorrow: Miss Bentley says two additional spy rings, not yet disclosed, are still functioning. The fantastic "occupation marks" episode by American agents. She joins the Communist underground.)*



Elizabeth Bentley, now teaching in a small Southern college, as she appears today.

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# Bentley Finds Third Spy Ring

By ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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HAROLD GLASSER, shown in recent disclosures to have been part in the Treasury Department despite adverse FBI reports, was a part of one of the two spy rings which were under my "control" in Washington. I shall have more to say about the operations of these two rings later. But, I should like to relate here the strange circumstances which led to the discovery of a third espionage ring through agent Glasser.

In my position as go-between for my two spy rings and the Soviet secret police representatives in New York, I did not deal directly with Glasser. Whatever documents and information he stole from the Treasury files were handed over to his chief, Victor Perlo, later economic analyst for the Treasury's division of Monetary Research, but then with the War Production Board.

Perlo, in turn, handed them over to me for transmission to my Soviet chief when I met him in New York. Unless it was disregarded for very unusual circumstances, it was an inflexible rule that our American agents have as little to do as possible

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, former Communist espionage agent who has named 37 spies in the U. S. Government, tells why she believes two more espionage rings are in operation. In this second article of an exclusive six-part series, she relates how she entered the Communist underground.



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**ELIZABETH BENTLEY**  
"Exposure now does not mean  
final safety for the nation."  
*(Mirror Weekly)*



**JACOB GOLOS**  
"Operated on theory that Red  
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wife of a United Nations political divorce Saturday in New Haven charged that her husband chose the time to let her know that

had prepared for their guests on Park Ave. and, instead, spent the afternoon with a couple of old friends whose names were Halg & Halg.

LATER, SHE added, he suggested they "go out and have some real fun" and they adjourned to a Manhattan nightclub, where Ahmed acted like a terrible Turk. He asked strange ladies to dance, said Maria, and got into a political argument with strangers at the bar. When she suggested they leave, she charged, he let her have it—pow!

Ahmed then moved out—bag, baggage and bop records—and, a short time later notified her he was taking a leave of absence from his U.N. post to catch a fast magic carpet back to Constantinople to write a book. As his wife, Maria was quoted as saying, Maria should make the trip with him. Maria told Ahmed to go climb a tree and got herself a lawyer.

with their superiors in the conspiracy.

However, reports kept reaching me that Glasser was trying desperately to learn who I was and to make contact with me. It was reported that he was dissatisfied with his role as a member of the Perlo group. At best, Perlo was a nervous irascible, taut man and Glasser apparently found it difficult to function under his direction. Glasser wanted to make a new contact.

I began to make inquiries about Glasser from the other agents. It developed that Glasser for a short time had been separated from the Perlo group. He had been taken out, turned over to a man who was in direct contact with the Russians—and then returned to the Perlo group.

Although I was high in the espionage hierarchy, there were areas of activity about which I knew nothing. I made an effort to discover who this man was.

At first, I could find out nothing. Then, Charlie Kramer, who was working for the Kilgore Committee and kept me apprised of Capitol Hill developments, told me the man who turned Glasser over temporarily to direct Soviet control was somebody in the State Department.

This to me was positive evidence that a third spy ring was in operation in Washington.

Then, on another occasion, my own Soviet contact let it slip that yet a fourth spy group was functioning in government. This was no idle hearsay. It came from a man whose sole function in the U. S. was to know about the activities of these groups and whose very life was forfeit upon his return to Russia if he failed in his mission.

I was convinced then as I am today that these two groups were patterned after those which were assigned to me. The

activities of my group been exposed, their contacts smashed and their mission subnaed.

But nothing has been about the other two rings.

Now, let it be clearly stood—and I speak from experience with the Soviet spy—that the Russian spies will never willingly a productive espionage. They are stubborn, res and arrogant to the point of nationalism. There is no suppose they called a halt other two spy rings unless longer suited their purpose.

But how could these

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# ***First A-Bomb Tip Given to Ring By Aide of 'Wild Bill'***

By ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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*Elizabeth Bentley, former top-ranking courier for the Soviet espionage network in the U. S., here tells of her contact within the White House itself. In this third article of an exclusive six-part series, she tells how this contact saved an ace spy from detection.*

Once I began acting as the courier for the American agents stationed in Washington, I found there were three categories of spies with whom I had to maintain contact. One was the Silvermaster group, the second was the Perle group and the third was individuals who were not assigned to a specific group but with whom I dealt directly.

ONE SUCH INDIVIDUAL was Maj. Duncan Lee, a confidential assistant to Gen. William "Wild Bill" Donovan, who was head of the Office of Strategic Services. Lee, who had been a member of the Communist faction in the Institute of Pacific Relations, was a valuable source of information but his personality was such that it was my constant headache to keep him from throwing over the traces.

UNLIKE the other agents, who for the most part were imbued with a steely determination to carry out their missions despite the ever-present dangers of discovery and disclosure, Lee was always fearful that his dual role would be uncovered by the FBI.

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**YET, HE WAS** too valuable to be separated from the apparatus. I recall that in 1944, it was Lee who passed on to me certain puzzling information. With the benefit of the years that have intervened, I can realize now that he was referring to a matter involving the greatest danger to the United States and to the safety of the world itself.

During my work in Washington, I had nothing to do with atomic activity and knew nothing about it. So when Lee reported that something hush-hush was going on in Oak Ridge, Tenn., I passed along this intelligence to the Soviets with absolutely no suspicion of what was involved.

**LEE, TOO,** could add no further details. But it can be taken for granted that the Russians promptly investigated the report -- and the true evaluation of this tip to the Russians will possibly be made public some day.

**WHILE MOST** of my contacts were spread over the various wartime agencies in Washington, one of them operated directly in the White House itself. He was Lauchlin Currie, administrative assistant to President Roosevelt.

**A FULL-FLEDGED** member of the Silvermaster group, Currie was invaluable to us when any emergency arose. In addition, one of his most important functions was giving references to members of the espionage network to either get them promoted or shifted to more "productive" jobs in other agencies.

**CURRIE PROVED** his importance to us when the entire structure of the Soviet spy system in Washington was menaced and disastrous disclosure seemed imminent. Thanks to the help he gave, the spy ring squeaked through the danger and emerged with a new, vigorous lease on life.

It happened this way: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster was one of the most courageous, productive and versatile agents in the entire Washington setup. To make him even more useful, the Russian Secret Police representatives decided he should be taken out of the Farm Security Administration

transferred from the FSA to the Board of Economic Warfare, where he became head of the Middle East Division.

Six months later, the blow struck. A letter from General Strong, head of Army Intelligence, was sent to Silvermaster's superior stating that the FBI, the Office of Naval Intelligence and other police agencies on the West Coast had discovered that Silvermaster was a Communist and was disloyal to the United States.

**SILVERMASTER,** ordinarily calm and fearless, was shaken and distraught. Unable to decide on a course of action, he was advised by his and my superiors in the Soviet secret police to sit tight. Meanwhile, he was told to contact Currie and White.

**THESE TWO** officials, using all the power of their high offices, brought pressure to bear upon Under Secretary of War Robert E. Patterson while the entire espionage system virtually held its breath.

The results were gratifying.

After about three months of interminable waiting, Patterson directed the War Department to cancel its demands for Silvermaster's dismissal, and the ace spy was permitted to return to the Farm Security Administration with absolutely no official blemish on his record.

and placed in a more strategic post.

**WITH THE HELP** of Currie, who became Roosevelt's adviser on Far Eastern affairs, and of Harry Dexter White, the Treasury official, Silvermaster was

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AT OTHER TIME, Currie sent word to George Silverman, who was his personal friend, that the Americans had just broken a Soviet code. When this red-hot information was transmitted to the Russians, they naturally, were burning to discover what code it was that was no longer useful to them.

FOR WEEKS, it was our job to try to find out about the code, but this one time we were unable to fulfill the Russians' demands.

I began the Washington phase of my undercover work for the Communists when Jacob Golos, the powerful American Communist and member of the Russian secret police with whom I was in love, told me he wanted to undertake the contact work for the espionage groups operating there.

I agreed, of course, despite Golos' warning that I was beginning a dangerous assignment.

ACTUALLY, I HAD already been acting as a courier for information emanating from Washington, but on a secondary level. I had been put in contact with Mary Price, a veteran Communist who was the secretary of Walter Lippmann.

Mary would ransack the files of Lippmann's Washington office and extract whatever she thought would be useful to the Russian intelligence agents.

MARY PROVED useful, too, when I traveled to Washington to pick up my bi-weekly haul of stolen documents. It was too dangerous for me to register at a hotel where the FBI could note the regularity of my visits and I frequently stayed overnight at Mary's apartment.

Mary, incidentally, like Lee,

#### ROLES REVEALED IN THE BETRAYAL OF A NATION



Duncan Lee



Mary Price



Nathan Silvermaster

Named by Miss Bentley in her startling spy disclosures.

was given to recurrent frights and fears, always imagining that sooner or later the FBI would crack down on her. Whenever I found her in one of these moods, I would take her out, wine and dine her, give her a pep talk about the importance of the work she was doing and inspire her with new confidence.

I, too, had my fears about the FBI, but I had learned to master them and I became adept at using evasive techniques.

THE BURDEN of my work was heavy, almost crushing. Not only was I a courier, but I also had become an executive of World Tourists, which had been established by the Communist

Party as a cover and as a means of sending tourists to Russia.

I also was an executive of the U.S. Service & Shipping Corporation, which had been organized by Golos to take over some of the activities of World Tourists.

EXCEPT FOR my personal association with Golos, I had no life of my own. Every moment was sacrificed to the dictates of the Communist Party apparatus and the Soviet espionage system.

Tomorrow: Miss Bentley discusses the two major spy groups in Washington and tells how a Communist secretary was supplied for Harry Dexter White.)

# **Top-Secret D-Day Was Open Secret To Red Spy Ring**

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*Elizabeth Bentley, formerly one of the most important couriers for the Soviet espionage conspiracy in the U. S., continues her amazing disclosures of the operation of the Red spy underground. In this fourth article of an exclusive six-part series, she tells how a Communist secretary was supplied for Harry Dexter White.*

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Despite the elaborate precautions taken by the U. S. to safeguard the secrecy of D-Day, when Allied troops were to land in France, the little-known fact is that the Soviet espionage network operating in Washington had discovered the fateful date far in advance of its occurrence and had transmitted it to the Russian secret police in this country.

Even the Americans, spies themselves were overwhelmed with the gigantic success in stealing so closely-guarded a secret. Some of us even doubted the information could be accurate. But subsequent events proved that it was absolutely correct.

**THE SPY RING** headed by Nathan Gregory Silvermaster was probably the most active espionage group operating in Washington. Silvermaster was never an open member of the Communist Party and his group was not an official cell.

When he went to Washington in 1935, he was told by Earl Browder not to tie himself up with any Communist unit, but to act as a "sleeping agent," gathering around him persons who would be able to steal information.

With the help of his wife, Helen, daughter of a Russian Baltic baron and a woman with a history of long involvement in

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the revolutionary movement, he carried out his instructions with amazing success.

**PRINCIPAL AGENTS** of the group, Silvermaster built around him, included among others William L. Ullman, who lived in the Silvermaster home in Washington. Ullman, a major of the U. S. Army Air Forces stationed at the Pentagon, was a prime source of information. He obtained and photographed all kinds of secret data concerning U. S. war plans as well as reports of the FBI which were furnished to G-2 of the Army at the Pentagon.

Another was Harry Dexter White, the high-placed Treasury official who was in charge of monetary research and foreign funds control. Still another was George Silverman, a civilian employe of the War Department.

The bulk of the military information furnished the Soviet secret police was the result of the work by Ullman and Silverman.

**OTHER MEMBERS** of the Silvermaster group included Frank

Coe, Lauchlin Currie, Irving Kaplan (who paid his Communist Party dues through the Victor Berlo spy group) and Sol Adler.

When Kaplan applied for a post with the Federal Works Agency in 1942, he used the names of Currie and George Silverman as character references. This was part of the overall scheme whereby members of the spy network were obligated to aid their co-conspirators to advance to higher positions of trust and importance by recommendations and favored treatment.

But the agents were active, too, in filling lesser posts with persons who would be useful to the espionage ring. For example, at one time Harry Dexter White had a vacancy for a second secretary in his office. He communicated with Helen Silvermaster and notified her he wanted a secretary who was a Communist.

**THE REASON**, he said, was that he wanted to leave important documents around which she could remove from the office.

Helen Silvermaster accordingly went to the Baltimore headquarters of the Communist Party, obtained the name of a suitable candidate and sent word to her to present herself to White for an interview.

However, word was not relayed back to White in time and when the Communist secretary applied to him, he was not aware of her identity and did not hire her.

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When we learned of this, and to start over again.

**THIS TIME**, White was told who the girl was. When she applied the second time, all persons concerned had been alerted. White hired her immediately and a valuable outlet to the espionage ring was installed in his office.

As the disclosures of Communist espionage infiltration of our high government offices continue to unfold in the nation's headlines, as the names that I once knew as well as my own continue to be dredged from the insidious network of intrigue, let no one be lulled into a false sense of security.

Exposure now does not mean final safety for the nation.

**IT IS WISHFUL** thinking to believe that the Communist secret police will now call a halt to the activities that have stolen from them some of the country's most vital secrets. America must never lose sight of the basic fact that the goal of the Communist master plan is conquest of the world.

The Communists will not and cannot abandon the espionage arm of their global struggle because some of its activities have been exposed and documented. What these developments mean for them is that henceforth their methods will have to be even more clever, less obvious, more foolproof.

They will continue to ensnare, seduce and impress agents for their spying. This is fact. Any other hope is delusion.

**MY FIRST SOVIET** superior, when I began my assignment as courier for the Washington spy rings, was Jacob Golos. Him I knew best of all. He belonged to what I would call the "old school" of espionage chiefs, which operated on the theory that its agents were people dedicated to certain beliefs which alone were sufficient motivation for their acts.

But when I was assigned to the Soviet superiors who succeeded Golos, I collided with a "new school" of spy chiefs. These were men who treated the American agents with contempt and arrogance. They were the men who sought to enmesh the agents and the spy groups they controlled with rewards of money, gifts, high living and Soviet honors.

I recall how forcibly this was brought home to me when I was taken over by the last Soviet representative with whom I was in contact before I broke loose from the ties that held me to the conspiracy. I had known him only by his code name "Al."

**ONLY LATER**, much later, did I discover that he was Anatol Gromov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy, who, according

to the findings of the FBI, had been sent to the U. S. as the successor in Russian secret police activities here to Vassili Zubilin. Zubilin, former Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, was recalled to Moscow in July, 1944.

"Al" importuned me endlessly to accept money for my courier work. The very thought revolted me. I had joined the Communist Party on ideological grounds. I had undertaken my espionage ring assignment under Golos as part of a dedicated service to what I thought was a noble sacrifice for Communist ideals.

However, at the time I had already told my story to the FBI and, acting on their instructions, I accepted the \$2,000 "Al" pressed on me. As soon as I could, I turned the money over to the FBI. I remember the astonishment of the FBI agent who counted the money before stowing it away in an envelope.

**"THE RUSSIANS** must be well-heckled to pass it out as casually as this," he said wonderingly.

Another time, when I was dining with "Al" in Washington, he suddenly sat erect, assumed his most official manner and solemnly announced that he was about to present me with a high honor. The Supreme Predium of the Soviet Union, he said, had awarded me one of its highest decorations, the Order of the Red Star.

It is difficult for me to express the revulsion I felt at the announcement. I had already been shaken by grave doubts about the purposes of the Communist movement and the pattern of its purposes was beginning to cut through the ideological miasma in which I had been imprisoned. This obvious attempt to pay off and buy the services I had willingly performed for what I had believed was the "good fight" was horrifying.

But I dared not let "Al" suspect any of this. As quickly as I could, I ended our meeting and fled, wondering desperately if there was a way out. I was to find the way later.

*Tomorrow: Miss Bentley discusses infiltration of the OSS by Soviet espionage agents and names some of her most important "individual" spy contacts.*

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**WILLIAM L. ULLMAN**  
Force major "obtained all kinds of secret U. S. data."  
(International Photo)



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Powell, Wyo

Office of The F B I

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen.

*address and*

Could you be so kind as to forward the enclosed letter to Miss Elizabeth Bentley, as I am sure you must have her address in your files.

The letter I am writing her is in no way concerned with her personal life, but is regarding her New England genealogy which was brought to my attention when I read her story. I have left the letter unsealed so you may check on it.

Thank you kindly.

Very truly yours,

*Margaret B. Mann*

Mrs. Homer C. Mann

Powell, Wyoming.

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Mrs. Homer C. Mann  
Box 794  
Powell, Wyoming

Dear Mrs. Mann:

Your letter postmarked December 7, 1953,  
with enclosure, has been received.

While I would <sup>like</sup> to be of assistance to you,  
I am unable to comply with your request, inasmuch as  
the forwarding of mail is not one of the functions  
of this Bureau. I am also unable to furnish you with  
the address you desire since data in FBI files is  
confidential and available for official use only.

Your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

NOTE: The letter which correspondent desires forwarded  
to Mrs. Elizabeth Bentley relates to ancestor of Mrs. Mann  
whose name is Roger Sherman, and she wants to know if this  
Roger Sherman is the same individual from whom Mrs. Bentley  
allegedly descended. Inasmuch as Mrs. Bentley was of help  
in the past, it is not deemed advisable to furnish her  
address to individuals who desire to communicate with her  
concerning various things.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-362128)

12/11/53

FROM: SAC, New York (100-94653)

SUBJECT: VICTOR PERLO, was  
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950.

RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY  
DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH  
BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure  
there is no other information (contained in the book) which  
expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the  
Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized  
to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the  
above individual on pages 239, 240, 262  
is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH  
BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945,  
(65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Dire ...I (100-1469)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-321)  
SUBJECT : WILLIAM EDWIN BROWDER, was  
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RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY  
DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

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there is no other information (contained in the book) which  
expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the  
Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized  
to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the  
above individual on pages 210 under name "BILL" BROWDER,  
is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH  
BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945,  
(65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (65-57904)

FROM: SAC, New York (65-14778)

SUBJECT : UNKNOWN SUBJECT; wa CHARLIE  
(GREGORY CASE)  
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RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 143, 195 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (101-5230)

FROM: SAC, New York (101-467)

SUBJECT: Dr. JAMES EDGAR MENDENHALL  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(OO: Chicago)

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RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 29 under the name "Comrade LEONARD" is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264). Examination of the manuscript of the book reflects that "Comrade LEONARD" is referred to therein as JAMES MENDENHALL.

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TO: Director, FBI (65-58236)  
FROM: SAC, New York (65-15348)  
SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, was  
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RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 138 (referred to as "JULIUS") is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (100-336897)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-69226)  
SUBJECT: BEATRICE CARLIN, was  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Date 12/11/53

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Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 78 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264). The book refers to CARLIN as "the girl who had taken PAULINE ROGERS place as organizational secretary of the American League Against War and Fascism". Examination of the manuscript of the book which Miss BENTLEY has made available reflects this person to be BEATRICE CARLIN.

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TO: Direct, FBI (100-1556)

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FROM: SAC, New York (100-268)

SUBJECT : BERNARD SCHUSTER, was -  
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RebuaAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY  
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expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the  
Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized  
to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the  
above individual on pages 272 as BERNY SCHUSTER  
is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH  
BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945,  
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TO: Director, FBI (100-363168)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-95875)

SUBJECT : HELEN BARRETT TENNEY  
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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 200, 201, 260, 262, 266, 303, 304, 305, 310 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI (100-290503)

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FROM: SAC, New York (100-54925)

SUBJECT : MICHAEL TRACH, was  
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DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

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expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the  
Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized  
to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the  
above individual on pages 156  
is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH  
BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945,  
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TO: Director, FBI (100-24914)

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FROM: SAC, New York (65-13565)

SUBJECT: AVROM LANDY, was  
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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 156 under the name AVRAHAM LANDY, is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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FROM: SAC, New York (100-95074)

SUBJECT: OLOA E. PRAYDINA, wa  
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RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 302 as "MARGARET" is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT : FRED ROSE  
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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages **103** is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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Page 60 of the book reflected that V. J. JEROME attended expulsion proceedings against comrade LAND of Columbia University and JEROME was identified as the Party's authority on theoretical problems. Page 61 contained the brief speech given by JEROME asking for a probationary period for LAND before expelling him.

In view of the fact this information has not been previously furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, the New Orleans office is requested to interview her in order to expand on this information and secure any other information in her possession concerning JEROME.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-11238)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-18129)

SUBJECT: **FERRUCIO MARINI, was**  
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RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

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Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 92, 93, 94, 95 under the name F. BROWN is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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WILLIAM H. BENTLEY  
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ReBureau-tel, 12/10/53 and my letter 12/10/53.

Forwarded herewith are clippings of articles by WILLIAM H. BENTLEY which appeared in the "New York Daily Mirror" on 12/17 and 18/53. These are the last two of a series of six articles which appeared in this newspaper. Comments made in referenced New York letter of 12/10/53 also appear to apply to the enclosed articles.

Attention is called to reports contained in the article of 12/17/53, concerning WILLIAM H. BENTLEY, in which BENTLEY states, "I recall that one official about whom the Russians never seemed to be able to obtain enough information was a William H. BENTLEY of the War Production Board. His name came up time and again."

"The members of the espionage rings would be asked to give their evaluation of the 'attitude' of the U. S. official under study, and these reports would then be handed back to the Russians for their guidance."

These remarks appear to place somewhat more emphasis on the Russian's curiosity concerning BENTLEY than has been furnished by BENTLEY heretofore. However, it is noted that in her book, "Out of Bondage", on pages 169 and 170, she makes the following statements:

"What the Russians wanted to know was practically limitless. They asked for information on Communists they were considering taking on as agents, on anti-Soviet elements in Washington, on the attitudes of high up Government officials in a position to help or hinder the Soviet Union -- such as WILLIAM BENTLEY of the War Production Board."

In the article of 12/18/53, BENTLEY stated that BENTLEY had proposed to Secretary of Treasury HENRY WALLACE that the Treasury exchange secret information with other strategic Government agencies and that when this plan was ultimately in full operation the Treasury was trading information with seven or eight agencies, all of which vital data funneled through WALLACE and he, in turn, passed it on to the spy ring.

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NY 65-14603)

It is believed these remarks may be based, in part, on information which [redacted] has picked up from other sources concerning [redacted] and "dressed up" for publication at this time because of the current interest in [redacted].

New Orleans should interview Miss [redacted] fully regarding the identities of her principals, who made the inquiries concerning WILLIAM BAILEY, and the identity of persons who furnished information concerning him, together with the nature of any such information furnished to her.

New Orleans should also question Miss [redacted] further with regard to the basis for her remarks concerning [redacted] having been instrumental in persuading Secretary of Treasury ROBERT H. T. AUSTIN into formulating a policy of exchanging secret information with other Government agencies. She should be asked if she at this time recalls any further information which was furnished to her by [redacted] as a result of this policy.

# ***Soviet Agents Bore Deeply Into Office Of Strategic Services***

By ELIZABETH BENTLEY

Elizabeth Bentley, whose revelations to the FBI about her role as a top-ranking courier in the Soviet espionage conspiracy in the U. S. have been labeled "entirely accurate" by FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, continues the amazing story of her spy career. In this fifth article of an exclusive six-part series, she tells the kind of information the Russians demanded the spies transmit to them.

One of the most sensitive U. S. agencies deeply infiltrated by spies for the Soviet espionage system was the Office of Strategic Services.

American spies there were in a particularly productive spot. Through them came an endless flow of highly secret information on what the OSS was doing. Through them we learned, for example, that the OSS was conducting secret negotiations with governments in the Balkan bloc in case World War II ended; that the OSS was parachuting people into Hungary; that OSS men were being sent into Turkey.

**WORLDWIDE INFORMATION**  
of all sorts was transmitted to the Soviets, plus the contents of State Department cables on vital issues which were shown to the OSS.

The appetite of the Russian secret police in control of the espionage apparatus functioning in the U. S. was insatiable and all-encompassing. Every scrap of information was seized upon and digested by them.

In fact, by the nature of the

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**ELIZABETH BENTLEY**  
Evaluated "attitudes" of officials with whom Reds dealt.  
*(Miami Post)*

questions the Russians asked and the information they wanted, it was possible for us to anticipate the moves they made from the Balkans to the Baltic.

ONE TYPE of request I received regularly from the Soviet



**CHARLES KRAMER**  
Elizabeth Bentley knew him as a member of the "Perla ring."  
*(CAP Photo)*

secret police concerned the "attitudes" of American officials with whom Russian government representatives would have to deal in the lend-lease program and in other activities.

I recall that one official about whom the Russians never seemed to be able to obtain enough information was a William Ball of the War Production Board. His name came up time and again.

The members of the espionage rings would be asked to give their evaluation of the "attitude" of the U. S. official under study and these reports would then be handed back to the Russians for their guidance.

THESE REQUESTS for infor-

mation would be transmitted to me verbally by the Russians, or when they were too numerous to trust to memory, a written list of questions would be handed over. Another recurrent request was for all information which the U. S. had about German planes. Answers to this type of question were generally furnished by the Silvermaster group.

The Russians were also terribly eager for all information about new developments in American aviation and especially for data on the B-29. They insisted that the American agents secure performance figures on all our aircraft. We understood that the Russians were distrustful of the planes being shipped to them under the lend-lease program and were fearful that the U.S. might try to palm off its inferior aircraft on them.

Still another area of international relations in which the Russians were vitally interested was the financial transactions between the U.S. and Great Britain. Always pressing for greater allocations of funds for themselves, the Russians could use the Anglo-American transactions as a guide for their own demands.

THE SOVIET SECRET police also kept hounding the American agents to ferret out all information about U. S. undercover operations in the Nazi-occu-

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# Red Spies Bore Deeply Into OSS

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piet countries so that they could take steps to counteract whatever advantages the U. S. could gain from such activity.

One report the Russians turned over to me for amplification and explanation by American spies concerned the activity of a group of patriots in Hungary who were desperately anxious to keep the Russians from taking over. This group sent a man to Geneva to meet with an OSS agent. In some fashion, the Russians learned of this and demanded additional information on the subject.

I "acquired" the Silvermaster spy group in July, 1941, and in March, 1944, I took over "control" of the second spy group, known as the "Perlo ring." Jacob Golos had died the year before and it was Earl Browder who made the arrangements for me to be the go-between for the Perlo group.

**BROWDER, WHO** was fighting an inter-party intrigue for power and position in the apparatus, told me this second group had been handled by John Abt, but since Abt was in the public eye (he was at one time general counsel for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America), I must take it over.

I made first contact with the group in Abt's Central Park West apartment, where I met also Victor Perlo and Charlie Kramer.

Besides Perlo, Abt and Kramer, others in the group included Edward Fitzgerald, of the War Production Board; Harry Magdoff, of the War Production Board; Donald Wheeler, of the OSS; and Alan Rosenberg.

**STILL OTHER** members of the Perlo ring, whom I did not meet personally but for whom I acted as courier, included Sol Leshin, of UNRRA; George Perazich, of UNRRA; and Harold Glasser, of Treasury.

There was a category of American spies who operated as individuals and were not a part of any organized group. Among these were Helen Tenney, of the OSS; J. Julius Joseph, of the OSS; Maurice Haderin, head of research and analysis, Latin American branch of the OSS; Robert Miller, head of the political division of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs; Joseph Gregg, Miller's assistant; Bernard Redmont, in the press division of the CIAA; and William Remington of the War Production Board.

Silvermaster's home in Washington was an important base because of the photographic lab operated in his basement by Ullman. It was in this lab that stolen documents of every imaginable type were copied on microfilm. The rolls were then brought to New York by me.

**SO GREAT** was the deluge of stolen documents at one period that there simply wasn't enough first-grade film to photograph them and Ullman's job was greatly complicated by the interior material with which he had to work.

I would carry the film, documents and other materials in a casual bundle to New York where I would turn them over to my Soviet contact. The procedure was simple and the simplicity probably explains why it continued so long so successfully.

Carrying my innocent-looking bundle, I would meet the contact somewhere and we would walk into a convenient cafe or restaurant to dine. The Soviet agent would offer to help me with my bundle and I, naturally, would thank him and pass it over. After we had eaten, he would hold on to the bundle and we would part company.

**AT OTHER TIMES,** I would

carry my material in a dispatch case and proceed to a newsreel theatre in the midtown area. Taking a seat in the rear, I would wait for the Soviet agent—with whom all this had been arranged—to enter with a similar dispatch case and sit beside me. We would then exchange cases surreptitiously in the semi-darkness and he would leave the theatre with the material securely in his possession.

**Tomorrow:** Miss Bentley writes the concluding article of her fascinating series and tells of her first approach to the FBI.

# White Arranged Secrets Exchange For Spy Network

By ELIZABETH BENTLEY

Elizabeth Bentley, one of the most important couriers of the Soviet espionage rings operating in Washington, here writes the sixth and last article of the fascinating series exposing the activities of American spies in high office. In this concluding installment, she tells of the importance of Harry Dexter White to the spy networks.

The influence which Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Harry Dexter White was able to exert on Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau was a tremendous assist to the American spies working for the Soviet espionage network in Washington.

Morgenthau, of course, didn't fall in with the Communist plots, but the result of his ready acceptance of White's suggestions was that much secret information which would ordinarily not be available to us, fell easily into the hands of the Soviet agents.

FOR EXAMPLE, it was White, a member of the Silvermaster spy ring, who proposed to Morgenthau that the Treasury ex-

change secret information with other strategic government agencies. When this plan ultimately was in full operation, the Treasury was trading information with at least seven or eight agencies. All this vital data funneled through White and he, in turn, passed it on to the spy ring.

Included among the material which was turned over to me from White for delivery to the Soviet secret police were classified reports of the FBI and secret information from the Navy.

Indoctrinated in Communist dogma and their souls warped by its poison, the American agents had a peculiar psychology about the FBI. It had been drummed into them over and over that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was a kind of brutal Cossack secret police organization until they seemed to believe this implicitly.

THE AMERICAN SPIES, I found, hated the FBI with a fury that seemed to inspire them to willingly take great risks. Success in outwitting the FBI was a sort of exhilarating stimulant. I recall that Silvermaster used to flaunt his disdain for the FBI with such remarks as, "Do you think the FBI is listening in?"—accompanied by laughter. Or else he would say with relish, "Well, if they tailed me today they didn't get anywhere."

One of the very few spies who actually severed all connection with the espionage network before the crackdown was Robert Miller, who worked in the office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.

Nervous and fearful, he would only pass on information verbally and refused to steal any documents for the ring. Eventually, in the last six months I knew him, he refused to give me any information at all. But his case was a rarity.

As for me, I had decided by the Summer of 1945 that I could no longer serve my Soviet masters. Realization had finally come to me that instead of building a new world, insuring the dignity of man and the triumph of justice and democracy, we in the Communist movement had been used and corrupted. The real purpose of the Communist scheme for world domination had become frighteningly clear to me at last.

NOW THE PROBLEM was how the break could be made and how to make amends. I had the feeling that by this time the

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Soviet police had lost their complete confidence in me and were beginning to worry about my reliability.

I went through a long agony of doubt and indecision, and then one day, like a cleansing revelation, I knew I must tell the full story to the FBI.

I was afraid that the Soviet agents were watching me and would put me out of the way at once if they suspected my intention. I realized it would be too much of a risk to go to the FBI offices in Washington or New York, where the chances of my being seen by someone in the spy network were great.

SO, IN AUGUST, 1945, I traveled to New Haven, Conn., and there I made my first voluntary contact with the FBI. A bureau man listened noncommittally to a brief outline of what I had to tell, thanked me for coming and said I would be told shortly what to do next.

While the FBI did its own checking, the days dragged by in a kind of nightmare as I waited for word. Meanwhile, as far as the Soviet secret police were concerned—I hoped—I was still a member of the apparatus. It was a wearing, nerve-racking role. Grimly, I fought to keep myself under control.

Finally, the word from the FBI came. I was to go to the U.S. Court House at Foley Square and there an FBI agent would meet me. I recall my fright and despair as I walked down the long, endless corridors of the building accompanied by the agent. With every step, I felt I was walking deeper into a dungeon from which I would never emerge.

NOT KNOWING what to expect, I was amazed at the courtesy and kindness of the FBI men, so startling a contrast from the harshness and arrogance of the Russian secret police agents. I recited in detail the history of my years in the Communist movement and in the spy underground and was advised to continue my contacts under FBI supervision.

The unmasking of the gigantic conspiracy got under way. I supplied the FBI with the gaps in the vast amount of information the bureau itself had compiled.

Then, in June, 1947, the grand jury probing Communist activities and espionage began their deliberations and I spent many months testifying before that group. After a while, I lost contact completely with the espionage apparatus and the Soviet agents, apparently aware of what I was doing, made no effort to get in touch with me.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR, I

received subpoenas from Congressional investigating bodies and I repeated my story to them. Two armed guards were assigned to me around the clock. Strangely enough, I had by this time lost all fear of Communist reprisal. Things were happening too fast. Fortunately, I had no time to worry about my personal safety.

In September, 1948, I began lecturing to various groups across the country.

IN 1949 and 1950, I taught political science at Mundelein College in Chicago. Some time after that, I came to the College of the Sacred Heart in the bayou country of Louisiana, where I am now, as I write these words.

Here, I teach American government and Romance languages. Here, I have finally found peace and contentment as the days pass quietly and without incident.

What more can I say now? I have been asked what should be the attitude of the American people toward the Communist who recants, how I feel about those whom I have named to the FBI and the investigating committees.

LET ME SAY first that I have pity, not hate, in my heart for those former colleagues of mine who still cling to the monstrous doctrine that has enslaved them.

Then, let it be remembered that to deny that a former Communist can see the light and seek to restore himself to the society of decent men, is to impugn our entire concept of reform and rehabilitation. The FBI is completely capable of evaluating the sincerity of an ex-Communist and its verdict can be relied upon.

For myself, I hope that I need no longer retell my story to investigating committees. America has at last been alerted. This alert must be sustained, the dangers of Communist espionage cannot be minimized and never, at least in the foreseeable future, must we let down our guard.

THE END

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-134435)  
 FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: DEC 17 1953

Re Boston-tel dated 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER  
 WILLY, ESPIONAGE - R."

Referenced Air-tel instructed that NY should carefully review ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" to insure there is no other information which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau during interviews. NY was also instructed to make sure that all pertinent data in her book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

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Director, FBI (100-35868)

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SAC, New York (100-13472)

GILBERT GREEN, was., FUGITIVE  
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Rebuairtel, 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER  
WHITE, ESPIONAGE - R."

Information is furnished that the name of above subject  
appears on page 63 of "Out of Bondage" by ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

In an effort to determine if this information differed  
from that previously furnished by BENTLEY regarding the subject,  
the statement furnished by BENTLEY dated 11/30/45 was reviewed.

It is noted that the name of the subject, GREEN, does  
not appear in this signed statement.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-7863)  
FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-35161)  
SUBJECT:

DATE: 12/28/53

LOUIS SASS, was.  
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Re Bureau Air-Tel to New York 10/26/53 in the case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE - R," and N.Y. let to Newark 12/14/53 in above captioned case.

Referenced Air-Tel instructs that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage" be reviewed and compared with the information furnished by her to the Bureau. In the event the data in the book expands upon the information furnished by Miss BENTLEY, a lead should be set out for New Orleans to interview her.

References to SASS are found in the book on pages 60, 73, 75, and 84 indicating BENTLEY knew SASS as the organizer of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party and also attempted to check on authenticity of JULIET STUART POYNTZ in the CP through SASS.

There is no indication Miss BENTLEY ever furnished any information regarding LOUIS SASS and New Orleans should interview her for all the information she possesses on him.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-29509)

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SAC NEWARK (100-6396)

HARRY FREDERICK WARD, was.  
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ReBuairtel 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R", and New York letter to Newark 12/14/53.

A review of the file on above captioned subject does not disclose any prior information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY on HARRY F. WARD.

Referenced New York letter forwarded page 42 of Miss BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" in which Dr. HARRY WARD is mentioned.

New Orleans is requested to interview ELIZABETH BENTLEY to determine all information she can recall about above-captioned subject.

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Rebulet, 10/26/53, in case entitled, "WILLIAM LUTHER  
WILLIAMS - R".

WILLIAMS was mentioned in "WILLIAM LUTHER WILSON"  
book, "Out of Bondage" on pages 10, 11, 25, 26 and 41. He is  
the subject of a new security investigation in the NYO.

On several occasions in the book, WILLIAMS has referred  
to various individuals by fictitious names and in fact of these  
instances, examination of the manuscript has disclosed the correct  
name. In this instance, the manuscript reflects subject's name  
as above.

New Orleans is requested to interview WILLIAMS for  
further information concerning the subject.

New York files contain no information concerning  
WILLIAMS.

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SAC, New York (100-80375)

SAM CARR, was.  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau airtel dated 10/26/53, entitled "HARRY DREW R. BENTLEY,  
ESPIONAGE - R".

A review of the book "Out of Bondage" written by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, revealed that on page 104 Miss BENTLEY stated that on numerous occasions she entertained visiting Canadian functionaries including SAM CARR. On page 153 she states that a party whom she called HAROLD SLOAN in her book, but who was identified in the manuscript as HAZEN SISE, was highly recommended by SAM CARR and GUY BUCK, leaders of the Canadian CP. Based on this recommendation, HAZEN SISE was used by the espionage organization of JACOB GOLOS.

It should be noted that in the case entitled "HAZEN SISE", this information was pointed out to the Bureau and the New Orleans Office was requested to reinterview ELIZABETH BENTLEY to clarify this information.

It is suggested that the New Orleans Office, at the time Miss BENTLEY is questioned concerning HAZEN SISE, also question her concerning any information she may have regarding SAM CARR. In this connection it is noted that ELIZABETH BENTLEY was never questioned specifically concerning SAM CARR and any information she may have furnished the FBI in the past concerning him would have been incidental to information furnished concerning some other party.

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GRACE HUTCHINS, was  
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Rebuairtel 10/26/53 in case entitled: "HARRY DEXTER WHITE; ES-R".

Referenced airtel instructs that the Bureau be advised by 12/31/53 of information contained in the book entitled: "Out of Bondage" by ELIZABETH BENTLEY, which differs or expands upon data previously furnished by Miss BENTLEY.

References pertaining to the subject are found in the book on pages 220, 221 and 228. These references narrate on the subject's part in the funeral arrangements for JACOB GOLOS.

It should be noted that ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed by SAS THOMAS G. SPENCER and JOSEPH M. KELLY on December 27, 1946, at which time she advised of the subject's activities in making arrangements for GOLOS' funeral (Referenced report of SA JOHN G. MC CARTHY dated 2/24/50 at NY entitled: "GRACE HUTCHINS").

The information furnished by Miss BENTLEY does not appear to materially add or differ from the information appearing in Miss BENTLEY's book.

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WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON  
PERJURY

Re Buairtel 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE,  
ESPIONAGE - R".

There is being set out below information which appears in ELIZABETH BENLEY's book "Out of Bondage" which does not expand or differ from information which she furnished the Bureau concerning REMINGTON, but is information she did not furnish nor was she requested to furnish concerning the personal problems she encountered in her dealings with REMINGTON and her discussion with GOLOS of this problem and also information concerning GOLOS' remarks to her when REMINGTON was about to be recruited.

On page 173 of her book she states in part, "Many of them were definitely 'problem children', due to their youth and nervousness about undercover activities. One of these was WILLIAM W. REMINGTON whom we always referred to as our 'infant prodigy'."

On this page she gives information concerning GOLOS' remarks when he came to see her about REMINGTON, as follows:

"I think we've got another good contact", he said hopefully. "Not only is he a reliable Communist but he's brilliant in his own field and should go far in the government. Moreover, he's got a good solid middle class background - fine family, education in well known schools - and he has a reputation for being respectable. I doubt if any of his friends or acquaintances have the slightest suspicion that he has any radical tendencies. I don't know how useful his present job will prove. But with proper training we can always move him into some more productive government agency. I'm going to introduce you to him and his wife and you can make arrangements to see him in Washington."

On pages 180 and 181 she talks about her personal problem with REMINGTON as follows:

"It was difficult to get him to bring out carbon copies of documents. Usually he would jot the information down on small scraps of paper, giving them to me furtively and with many admonitions about not letting them fall into the wrong hands. Moreover, lacking the courage to break with the Party

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"and refuse to continue his undercover activities, he often resorted to elaborate and quite transparent subterfuges to avoid doing his Communist duties. He would deprecate the value of the information that he gave, saying that it wasn't worth bothering with. He would be tied up in non-existent conferences on the days when I was in Washington, or he would be simply unreachable. All this reminded me very strongly of a small boy trying to avoid mowing the lawn or cleaning out the furnace when he would much rather go fishing. Sometimes I would suggest hopefully to YASHA that we ought to return BILL to the open Party. 'No', he would say firmly. 'While the material he is producing is not outstanding, it does help to corroborate or supplement what we are getting through the SHINTZBERGS, and, besides, there is still the possibility that we can push him into a really good position'.

"Despite my private conviction that YASHA was wrong, I continued the painful process of trying to extract information from BILL. This was further complicated by the fact that both he and his wife were seemingly trying to get into left-wing or Communist front organizations, doubtless in the hope that by becoming well known as Reds they would lose their value to our organization and be sent back to the open Party. Although I told them sternly to avoid any such activities, I could never be sure they carried out my orders. I began to feel that the REMINGTONS were more bother than they were worth, particularly in view of the many other contacts I had to handle."

It is not believed by the NYO that the above information materially adds to the information Miss BENTLEY furnished the Bureau concerning REMINGTON which resulted in his successful prosecution.

Therefore, a copy of instant letter is not being directed to the New Orleans Office setting out a lead to have Miss BENTLEY interviewed.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-83434)  
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December 29, 1953

SAC, ALBANY (100-9230)

GRACE GRANICH, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
(OO: Albany)

Re New York letter to Albany dated December 14, 1953  
which enclosed page 156 of ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book, "Out of  
Bondage" which sets out the following information:

"Over a period of many years Yasha had built up a series  
of 'look-outs' - people strategically situated in Communist-  
front organizations or in the Party itself - through whom he  
could contact Communists who would be useful for espionage  
work. Among these were Grace Granich, head of the Inter-  
continent News Service and sister-in-law of Mike Gold, columnist  
for the 'Daily Worker'."

On page 69 of a summary of information prepared by the  
Bureau on GRACE PAUL GRANICH dated March 16, 1951 and forwarded  
to the Albany Division, there is set out the following informa-  
tion which was taken from a New York report dated December 5,  
1945 re: "N. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was. ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R".

In the statement of ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY which was  
given to agents of the New York Office on November 30, 1945,  
Miss BENTLEY furnished the following information relating to  
GRACE GRANICH:

In connection with HELEN TENNEY, she was introduced to  
Goles (JACOB GOLES) by Grace Granich who was I believe in the  
Editorial Department of Intercontinent News which is located  
somewhere in New York City. I am unable to state whether  
Granich furnished any information to Goles but do know, how-  
ever, that it was through Granich that Goles met and knew  
Helen Tenney." (HELEN TENNEY formerly worked with OSS and  
was one of the subjects in the NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER  
investigation).

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The New Orleans Office is requested to interview ELIZABETH BENTLEY concerning the foregoing matter and clarify whether or not GRACE GRANICH was the head of Intercontinent News Service or, as she advised in her statement to Bureau Agents, in the Editorial Department of Intercontinent News. She should also be asked for any additional information she has in her possession concerning the activities of GRACE GRANICH or her husband, MAX GRANICH, both of whom have long been active in Communist affairs. Both MAX and GRACE GRANICH were in Russia around 1930 attending school there and they both were in China in the middle 1930's publishing a pro-Communist newspaper. They were both active in Communist circles in the New York City area throughout the 1940's and at the present time are residing in the State of Vermont on a farm, and each summer they conduct a vacation camp for children, most of whom are the children of leading Communist functionaries in the Eastern United States.

Director, FBI (65-57905)

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Rebuairtel 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE,  
ESPIONAGE - R".

Referenced Airtel instructed the ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S  
book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other  
information contained in the book which expands upon or differs  
with data which she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent  
data in the book be channelized to appropriate individual case files.

Examination of the book reflects that the above captioned  
subjects are referred to in the book on pages: 231, 232, 233, 234,  
236, 237, 238, 239, 241, 242, 243, 246, to 251, 255, and 262.

Perusal of these references reflect that all of this  
material was considered and discussed with Miss BENTLEY during  
the course of preparation of the investigative summary report  
of SA LESTER O. GALLAMER, dated 5/20/53.

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SAC, New York (100-54965)

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Re Bureau airtel 10/26/53 in case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESP - R."

Referenced airtel instructed that ELIZABETH FENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage," be reviewed to insure that the book contained no information expanding upon or differing from data Miss FENTLEY has furnished the Bureau.

On page 237 of her book Miss FENTLEY relates a conversation she had with EARL BROWDER regarding a "group to be turned over to our friends." Miss FENTLEY identifies "our friends" as the Russians. She relates that BROWDER then told her that the group had in the past been handled by JOHN ABT and material had passed through him, BROWDER, to GOLOS, but that ABT was going to take over a fairly public position and it would be too dangerous to continue on that way.

In connection with GOLOS, mentioned above, it should be noted that Miss FENTLEY had previously mentioned that JACOB GOLOS, whom she called "YASHA," was the contact to whom she passed espionage material prior to his death in November, 1943.

Miss FENTLEY then went on to describe her contacts with the VICTOR PERLO group, the members of which she first met at JOHN ABT's apartment in approximately March, 1944.

A review of the information previously furnished by Miss FENTLEY to the Bureau regarding JOHN ABT reveals that she never before specifically referred to BROWDER's statement in which he related to her that material passed from ABT to BROWDER to GOLOS. This statement would appear to indicate that ABT was operating as a courier.

It is to be noted that ABT, among others, was described by Miss FENTLEY as a courier in a list submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee and made public 6/6/49.

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For the information of New Orleans, JOHN APT is a lawyer who is considered a key figure in CP activities in the New York Division. APT has acted as attorney for the CP in hearings before the SACB and has been very active in CP meetings. In 1944 and until the time of its dissolution, APT was General Counsel of the CIO - PAC and also was General Counsel of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union under SIDNEY HILLMAN. APT worked for various government agencies, including the AAA and WPA, starting in 1933 and ending in approximately 1938. It has been alleged that APT was active in the HAROLD WARE espionage group in Washington, D. C. APT is married to JESSICA SMITH, HAROLD WARE's widow.

It is requested that New Orleans interview ELIZABETH BENTLEY and ascertain all information in her possession regarding the subject's activity as a courier of espionage material and the source of such information.

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SAC, New York (100-95307)

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Rebuair-tel dated 10/26/53 in the case entitled "HARRY  
DEXTER WHITE; ESPIONAGE - R".

Referenced air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's  
book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other  
information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs  
with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent  
data in the book be generalized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above  
individual on pages 105 and 121 is in substance the same as that  
appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY's signed statement dated 11/30/45  
(65-14603-264).

Inasmuch as the above is the only lead outstanding in this  
case, no further investigation is being contemplated and this case  
is being closed, UACB.

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Rebunair-tel dated 10/26/53 in the case entitled "HENRY DEXTER SMITH; Espionage - R".

Referenced air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data which she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 105, 121 and 122 differs in some respect from that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY's signed statement dated 11/30/45 (65-14603-264 p.11).

It is to be noted that in BENTLEY's book on page 105 paragraph 2 she states that she was introduced to ROSE ARENAL by JACOB GOLOS as "ELIZABETH, a good and trusted comrade". BENTLEY stated in her book she was to go out to ROSE's house every so often to pick up whatever mail she had.

In her statement BENTLEY recorded that she learned during a luncheon dinner with GOLOS and LEOPOLD ARENAL and his wife HELEN ARENAL that LEOPOLD ARENAL's brother married ROSE ARENAL and that ROSE was living some place in Brooklyn. She stated that "GOLOS informed me that LEOPOLD ARENAL in Mexico would send communications to ROSE ARENAL in Brooklyn and instructed me to obtain these letters from her and deliver them to him".

It would appear from BENTLEY's book that ROSE ARENAL was cognizant of the fact that she was dealing with Communists which was never reported explicitly in her statement.

On pages 121 and 122 in the above-mentioned book, BENTLEY states concerning the subject at the time she learned of the death of TROTSKY's chauffeur the following: "I.....telephoned ROSE ARENAL to see if she had any letters. She sounded tense

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"and as if she were on the verge of hysteria. 'No,' she said. 'There's nothing. But please come see me this evening. Something terrible has happened.' "

BENTLEY then goes on to say how she discovered in the evening paper the report of the murder of ROBERT SHELDON HARTL, TROTSKY's personal guard.

She then reports that GOLOS ordered her to "break off all connections with ROSE immediately". GOLOS, according to the book, then stated concerning the subject "She's probably under suspicion already, being LOUIS's wife. Maybe he's even hiding out there. I just hope she doesn't go to pieces and talk too much."

In her statement BENTLEY merely stated "At the time of the murder of TROTSKY's chauffeur.....I ceased to receive any communication from ROSE ARNAL."

It is felt that BENTLEY expands on the activities of ROSE ARNAL in her book. The above excerpts from BENTLEY's book implies that ROSE ARNAL seemed to be aware that she was connected in some way with the murder of TROTSKY's chauffeur.

It is to be noted that ROSE ARNAL in an interview at the NYO in April, 1951 stated that it was after the attempt on the life of LEON TROTSKY in May, 1940 that she felt that the letters she turned over to BENTLEY might have concerned the attempted assassination. She also stated that as far as she knew LOUIS ARNAL, her husband, was not a member of the CP and she stated further that she, herself, never was nor is she now a member of the Communist Party.

It is to be further noted that by letter dated 11/16/51 the USA, MDNY, advised that the ARNAL case was being placed in a closed status in that office.

The New Orleans Office is requested upon interviewing BENTLEY to determine her recollection of how she was introduced to ROSE ARNAL and whether she feels that ARNAL was being used as a mail drop for the CP and whether GOLOS actually made the statement reported above or whether it was merely dramatization in her book.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-2670)

DATE: 12/30/53

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-1937)

SUBJECT: LOUIS ADAMIC  
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re airtel 10/26/53, case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER WHITE,  
ESPIONAGE - R" and New York letter to Newark dated 12/14/53.

A comparison was made of information re captioned subject found on page 187 of ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage", with information furnished the Bureau by Miss BENTLEY as reflected in subject's file.

The information appearing in Miss BENTLEY's book does not materially add to or differ from material previously furnished to the Bureau. Report of SA ROBERT C. MOUNT dated 9/9/48, at New York sets out and attributes to Miss BENTLEY substantially the same information that appears in her book, "Out of Bondage."

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Director, FBI (100-359334)

SAC, New York (100-82507)

BERNICE LEVIN, was  
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Rebuairtel dated 10/26/53, entitled "HARRY DOXTER WHITE;  
ESPIONAGE - R."

Referenced air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage," be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or ~~differs~~ with data which she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing on page 153 of the book, concerning the above individual, is in essence the same as that furnished by Miss BENTLEY, and set out in the report of SA MAURICE A. TAYLOR, entitled "BERNICE LEVIN, was," and dated 5/19/49, at New York.

The information set out on page 156 of Miss BENTLEY's book differs, however, with the information she furnished to the Bureau, in that in her book she states that BERNICE LEVIN (whom she refers to as BERNICE LANDER) "became involved in a disappointing love affair which left her weepy and nervous. We therefore decided to drop her as a contact and let her return to the open Party. This she did, later turning up in the 'street' unit to which belonged ANGELA CALOMERIS, the plucky little Greek girl who for seven years worked undercover for the FBI in the Communist movement."

The information which Miss BENTLEY furnished the Bureau makes no mention of the fact that the subject was dropped as a contact because she was weepy and nervous, and returned to the open Party, nor is it mentioned that she turned up in the same "street" unit as ANGELA CALOMERIS.

The aforementioned report of SA TAYLOR reflects that Miss BENTLEY stated that BERNICE LEVIN furnished information to her until the middle of 1942, and that sometime in 1942, LEVIN mentioned to her that she did not care for Washington, D. C., and anticipated returning to New York City. Shortly thereafter,

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Miss BENTLEY lost contact with LEVIN, and did not hear from her again until 1943. It was at this time that JACOB GOLOS mentioned to her that LEVIN was working for the Tass News Agency in New York City.

In view of the fact that the information set out in Miss BENTLEY's book does not differ substantially from the information she furnished to the Bureau, and does not in any way affect the subject's security index status, no lead is being set out to the New Orleans Office to interview Miss BENTLEY.

Director, FBI (100-363633)

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SAC, New York (100-95971)

ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, wa.

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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

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ReBuairtel 10/26/53, in case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER WHITE; ESPIONAGE - R" which instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure it contains no information which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau.

I. On pages 165 and 166 of her book, BENTLEY wrote concerning SILVERMAN:

"Even more than HARRY (WHITE) he was nervous and worried about his espionage activities; although he was a Communist of long standing, the realization that he was giving information to the Russian Secret Police gave him the jitters. He was offered a Colonelcy in the Army but, possibly fearing a court-martial if he were found out, he refused to accept it, remaining a civilian employee. His caution drove him to insist that GREG (SILVERMASTER) go up to New York and deliver the material to the Russians there, in the strange belief that that would be a safer procedure."

In BENTLEY's first statement to the Bureau dated 11/8/45, she stated in regard to SILVERMAN:

He looks as though he were scared of his shadow. He is jumpy. He is one of those people they have trouble with, they tell me, because he gets scared. He is an old Communist Party member. I believe he has been at least fifteen or twenty years in the movement.

In BENTLEY's statement to the Bureau dated 11/30/45, she stated that SILVERMAN and ULLMAN were both members of same Communist Party unit in Washington, D.C. She said SILVERMAN

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did not in fact know documents he brought were being photographed. She believed it was his impression that SILVERMASTER would read the documents, commit them more or less to memory and verbally pass on the contents thereof to EARL BROWDER. BENTLEY was of the positive opinion that although SILVERMAN may have heard of GOLOS, he had no knowledge that such material was in fact being received by GOLOS.

II. In her book, BENTLEY wrote (page 166):

"One time we had a very narrow escape. As I sat in the kitchen talking to HELEN SILVERMASTER, GEORGE (SILVERMAN) arrived quite unexpectedly at the front door, his briefcase bulging with papers he had abstracted from the Pentagon. It was inevitable that we run into each other, and if he discovered that I was a Soviet agent, he would undoubtedly bolt out of the house in a panic and never return. With commendable presence of mind, HELEN introduced me as Mrs. Something-or-Other; a personal friend of hers. GEORGE seemed slightly reassured, but I shall never forget the initial look of terror that came over his face. He was, indeed, frightened of his own shadow. He saw F.B.I. men behind every bush, and he would arrive at an appointment dripping with cold sweat, yet somehow - I could never figure out how - he kept on going. Periodically he would threaten to resign, and wearily the SILVERMASTERS would invite him over for a meal of his favorite broiled lobster. Then, when he was well fed and at peace with the world, they would argue him into continuing."

In BENTLEY's statement to the Bureau dated 11/30/45, she advised that SILVERMAN was at the SILVERMASTERS home very often, and after being assigned to the Pentagon he began to bring documents to the SILVERMASTER home.

She stated that in the late summer of 1943, a steadily increasing volume of material was being obtained by ULIMAN and SILVERMAN, and a considerable volume of this

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material was brought to the SILVERMASTER home in its original form - the documents themselves.

BENTLEY said she saw SILVERMAN on one occasion, but had never formally met him.

In subsequent interviews with BENTLEY she advised agents that the only time she saw SILVERMAN was in the spring of 1944 on the occasion of her being present at the SILVERMASTERS residence and SILVERMAN arrived. She recalled that she spent most of the time that particular evening with HELEN SILVERMASTER in the kitchen, and that SILVERMAN and SILVERMASTER and perhaps ULMAN were in the living room. When SILVERMAN was leaving, however, he walked through the kitchen and HELEN SILVERMASTER casually introduced BENTLEY to him under a fictitious name.

It is further noted that in HCUA hearings on 8/4/48, BENTLEY testified that she was sitting in the kitchen of the SILVERMASTER home, that SILVERMAN had come in the front door with some material and was leaving by the kitchen door. She said he went past very hurriedly and she was introduced by some name as being a friend of HELEN SILVERMASTER.

At these hearings, BENTLEY stated that the SILVERMASTERS told her that SILVERMAN as usual had come to bring material and that they, the SILVERMASTERS, were quite upset that she was there. She stated that they did not want her to meet other members of the group particularly SILVERMAN, who was extremely nervous and testified that SILVERMASTER said that if SILVERMAN realized who she was he would probably fall to pieces.

She testified that the SILVERMASTERS said SILVERMAN was very much concerned with what he was engaged in.

III. In BENTLEY's book (page 172) she mentions ULMAN graduating from Officers Candidate School as a

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Lieutenant in the Air Corps, and then writes:

"Then, with GEORGE SILVERMAN and HARRY WHITE desperately pulling strings, he (ULMAN) was finally assigned to the Pentagon in Washington, where he became even more valuable to us than he had been in the Treasury.

In BENTLEY's statement to the Bureau dated 11/30/45, she mentions ULMAN being commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force and said she recalled that SILVERMASTER was most anxious that ULMAN be assigned to the Pentagon and further that through GEORGE SILVERMAN he was in fact assigned to the Pentagon.

IV. In BENTLEY's book (page 240) she mentions that PERLO had been worrying the SILVERMASTER group for a long time and wrote:

"Somehow he had discovered that GEORGE SILVERMAN was a Communist, and he had been trying to get information from him; unfortunately, his methods were, to say the least, lacking in tact. Every so often he would march up to GEORGE and say to him 'Have you got anything for JOE?' - obviously referring to JOE STALIN. At this, GEORGE would take to his heels and flee in panic."

In BENTLEY's statement to the Bureau dated 11/30/45, she said that mention had previously been made to her of PERLO by SILVERMASTER who used to complain that the activities of PERLO in Washington were upsetting GEORGE SILVERMAN.

From the above it appears that BENTLEY in most instances has furnished the Bureau with substantially the same information as contained in her book, although it is noted she has expanded upon and colored the material.

BENTLEY's statements "That he was giving information to the Russian Secret Police gave him the jitters, and that he insisted SILVERMASTER go up to New York and deliver the material to the Russians there", appears in complete variance with her statements to the Bureau that she believed SILVERMAN was under the impression the information he gave was being

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furnished verbally by SILVERMASTER to BROWLER.

It also does not appear that BENTLEY has advised the Bureau regarding SILVERMAN being offered a Colonelcy.

In accordance with Bureau instructions it is therefore requested that New Orleans review all of the above material with BENTLEY for clarification of the points in question and fully develop any additional facts and may possess concerning SILVERMAN.

Director, FBI (100-98931) (134-435)

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SAC, New Haven (100-14171)

Mrs. HAROLD COY, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference New York let 12/14/53 requesting New Haven compare the information supplied by ELIZABETH BENTLEY in her statements to the Bureau with information set forth in her book "Out of Bondage," to determine whether any conflict exists and whether all material set forth in the book has been furnished the Bureau. The pertinent passages with respect to the subject were set forth on pages 193, 195, 203, 212 and 258 of the book, which pages were furnished as an enclosure to referenced letter.

BENTLEY's statement of November 30, 1945 to agents of the New York Office is not available in the files of the New Haven Office. The pertinent portion thereof is set forth in the summary report in the captioned case dated November 9, 1953 at New York. A comparison of this excerpt with pertinent passages in the book reveal no specific conflict. However, two items are referred to in the book which do not appear to have been fully explored in BENTLEY's statements to agents as revealed in the New Haven file: the first being the assertion on page 193 of the book that MILDRED (COY) was "the organizer of the Communist unit which functioned in the Institute of Pacific Relations..." It is felt that Miss BENTLEY may be able to furnish added detail on this unit, such as the makeup of its membership, its leadership, its use in information gathering on behalf of Soviet networks or by the CP, USA.

"Out of Bondage" indicates that MILDRED PRICE served as a talent spotter for GOLOS' network (p. 203). The New Haven file on the subject reflects only one recruitment by the network on the basis of MILDRED PRICE COY's suggestions--MICHAEL GREENBERG. It is felt BENTLEY should be specifically questioned as to whether others were attempted on the basis of the subject's talent spotting.

New Orleans is requested to reinterview Miss BENTLEY with respect to the above two items at an early date.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (101-786)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (65-3861)

SUBJECT: **MIRIAM GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was.  
HELEN WITTE SILVERMASTER, was.  
WILLIAM WOLFE ULLMAN, was.  
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DATE: 12/31/53

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Re New York letter to Newark captioned as above dated 12/18/53 requesting that pages of the book, "Out of Bondage" written by **BENTLEY** containing references to the above mentioned persons be reviewed for information contained therein which had not previously been furnished by her to the Bureau.

Review in the Newark Office on the above captioned persons was based on information appearing in a summary report of SA **ALBERT O. ZANDER**, WFO dated 11/2/48 regarding **SILVERMASTER** and another report by SA **ZANDER** dated 7/21/49 regarding **ULLMAN**. Both reports made the Newark Office the office of origin in these cases.

Based on the above reports there appears to be no new information in **BENTLEY'S** book that has not previously been furnished and the book does not materially add to the information **BENTLEY** has previously furnished.

It is to be noted that the portion of **BENTLEY'S** book made available to this office does not mention the obtaining of the samples of the Allied Military Works money from **MARY DEXTER WHITE** by **ULLMAN** or **SILVERMASTER**. This information was brought out by **BENTLEY** in her testimony before a Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C. on 10/21/53. The New York Office has advised that **BENTLEY** has been interviewed regarding this matter and the Newark Office will receive the results of this interview. No additional leads are being set out for the New Orleans Office to interview **BENTLEY** at this time.

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Memo To: DIRECTOR, FBI

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 Agent \_\_\_\_\_ William Ludwig Ullrich, was.  
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 Chief Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Bureau:  
 Special Employee \_\_\_\_\_ File No. 101-786-

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 Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

Re letter to Bureau dated 12/31/53 captioned as above.  
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S.A.C. D. S. HOSTETTER  
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(In intra office use return this with notation as to  
 action taken or explanation.)

Director, FBI (100-28126)

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SAC, New York (100-53054)

VITO MARCANTONIO  
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Reference is made to Bureau air-tel dated 10/26/53 in the case entitled "HARRY DIXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

On page 44 of the book, "Out of Bondage" by ELIZABETH BENTLEY appears an item concerning the subject. This material does not materially add to or differ from information which has been previously furnished by Miss BENTLEY.

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Director, FBI (61-6593)

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SAC, New York (100-25902)

SAMUEL D. RDECK, was  
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Re Philadelphia letter dated 12/23/53 to Bureau.

Examination of the signed statement of ELIZABETH T.  
BENTLEY dated 11/30/45 reflects this statement contains no  
information concerning SAM DARCY.

- 1 - Bureau (134-435)
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SAC, BALTIMORE (100-1841)

WILLIAM WHEELER HINCKLEY, wa.

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Reference New York memo entitled WILLIAM WHEELER HINCKLEY & MARGARET (COMINGS) HINCKLEY; SM-C, and reference Bureau airtel dated 10/26/53 in case entitled HARRY DEXTER WHITE; Espionage-R.

Referenced airtel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage," be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data which she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be generalized to appropriate individual files.

After a review of the case entitled WILLIAM WHEELER HINCKLEY, SM-C, it is felt by the Baltimore Office that data concerning him, as set forth in ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage," does not materially add to or differ from information previously furnished by Miss LUTHER I.

WFO is office of origin in the case entitled MARGARET HINCKLEY, nee COMINGS. The Baltimore Division has forwarded the material furnished by New York to WFO and requested that WFO handle the lead pertaining to MARGARET HINCKLEY.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-14303)

January 8, 1954

SAC, BOSTON (100-25501)

MAURICE HYMAN HALPERIN SECURITY INFORMATION  
ESPIONAGE - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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*Best*  
Elizabeth Bentley

APPROVED FOR RELEASE  
DATE 2-29-78 BY [signature]

There is being transmitted to the New Orleans Office Pages 263, 264, 265, and 266 of the book, "Out of Bondage," written by ELIZABETH BENTLEY. It is requested that that office interview Miss BENTLEY concerning this material in order that the accuracy of this material can be made known to the Bureau.

For the information of the New Orleans Division, the Bureau has requested the New York Division to review the book, "Out of Bondage," to insure that there is no other information contained in the book which expands upon or differs with data which Miss BENTLEY has furnished the Bureau previously.

With respect to the interview of Miss BENTLEY, New Orleans should confine its inquiry of Miss BENTLEY to her description of meeting with HALPERIN near a garage near HALPERIN's home. Miss BENTLEY should be asked for her recollections regarding this particular meeting, it being noted that she referred to the fact that she observed three guards dressed in uniform during the time she was waiting for HALPERIN and prior to the time she "stepped around the corner and met with HALPERIN."

In reply to this letter, the New Orleans Division should designate copies of its letter for New York file 65-14603 and Bureau File 134-435.

For the information of the New York Division, it does not appear that Boston received Pages 200, 210 and 261 of BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage" as indicated in New York's letter of December 16, 1953.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-250450)

January 2, 1954

SAC, WFO (100-20523)

MARY WATKINS PRICE, WAC.,  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(Origin - FO)

Re New York letter to WFO December 13, 1953, which requested that information concerning the subject in ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" be compared with information furnished to the Bureau by BENTLEY concerning PRICE. The purpose of this comparison is to insure that the book contains no information which materially differs from or expands upon that information which Miss BENTLEY has furnished the Bureau.

The Bureau and New York Office are referred to the summary report of SA ALBERT H. SOLOMON, JR., dated July 28, 1953, in the PRICE case, section three of which contains a resume of all information furnished by BENTLEY concerning PRICE available to WFO up to that time. Included is information concerning PRICE from BENTLEY's signed statement of November 30, 1945, obtained by SAs THOMAS G. SPENCER and JOSEPH M. KELLY of the New York Office; from BENTLEY's testimony before HCUA in July and August, 1948; from an interview of BENTLEY by SA LECTER C. GALLANER of the New York Office on March 7, 1952, as set forth in his report dated March 27, 1952, at New York in the DUNCAN IFE case (Bufile 100-364413, New York file 100-96630); and from a subsequent interview by SA GALLANER in late 1952, as set forth in his report in the PRICE case dated January 15, 1953, at New York City.

On page 131 of her book Miss BENTLEY first mentions MARY PRICE. She states that JACOB GOLOS told her something of PRICE and her background before introducing her to PRICE. BENTLEY stated that GOLOS informed her that PRICE was "a Communist of many years standing" and that she was "a charter member under the name MARY WATKINS of the United Office and Professional Workers of America". No information could be located in WFO files indicating that Miss BENTLEY had furnished this information to the Bureau prior to the appearance of her book in 1951; however, upon interview by SA GALLANER in late 1952, referred to above, Miss BENTLEY was asked about MARY PRICE's background in the Communist movement

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Letter to Director

Re: MARY MARYNS PRICE, was.,

prior to the time she (BENTLEY) and PRICE had been introduced by GOLOS. BENTLEY stated that at the time she first met MARY PRICE the latter had been "in the government for about ten years" and had been quite active in the affairs of the United Office and Professional Workers of America.

Also on page 131 Miss BENTLEY discusses her first visit to Washington, D. C., to contact MARY PRICE in accordance with arrangements she and PRICE made at their initial meeting shortly before in New York City. MISS BENTLEY states that she spent Saturday and Sunday with PRICE in her Georgetown home. She stated further that LIPPMANN (WALTER LIPPMANN, PRICE's employer) was away at the time and it was decided that MARY would go across to back files and bring home all the "interesting" stuff so we could make copies of it. For two days we typed madly. . . and we somehow managed to finish everything. Then MARY returned the files to the office and I tucked the copies into my briefcase and returned with them to New York."

This differs from Miss BENTLEY's account of the same situation as she sets forth in her signed statement of November 2, 1945, which, according to information available to me, Miss BENTLEY has not altered or elaborated upon since the signed statement was taken. In this statement MISS BENTLEY says ". . . I recall that a short time thereafter (after her initial meeting with MARY PRICE in New York) I went to Washington, D. C., and met her in her home. I recall that she lived on Olive Avenue in Georgetown in Washington at this time. On the occasion of this first visit she gave me a large envelope which I knew contained copies of letters which were correspondence between LIPPMANN and people he was communicating with. I gave this envelope to GOLOS."

No less so to interview Miss BENTLEY concerning this situation is being deferred because it is questionable whether these two accounts differ materially from one another. The account in the book is probably correct, but in the signed statement Miss BENTLEY did not go into such detail in view of the nature of pertinent information which she furnished in that statement.

On page 141 of her book Miss BENTLEY states concerning MARY PRICE "on our instructions she had left the house & in the shared with her two Communist friends on Olive Avenue in the Georgetown area. She felt she was taking too great a risk since they were both well known as Reds so she eventually took an apartment by herself on the top floor of an old house at 2038 Eye Street, N. W."

Letter to Director  
Re: MARY WATKINS PRICE, was.

The two Communist friends referred to here by Miss BENTLEY are undoubtedly **VIRGINIA WOODWARD PAYNE**, now **Mrs. HENRY W. LEHMANN** (subject of Bureau file 101-3017, NY file not known, WFO-101-252) and **ELIZABETH BYRON PHEL**, full name **ELIZABETH RAYE PHEL JANIS SCHITMAN** (Bureau file not known, NY file 100-11248, WFO-100-5004). Miss BENTLEY has previously furnished information from which PAYNE and PHEL were identified and considerable investigation concerning them has been conducted.

Information available to FBI fails to indicate that Miss BENTLEY had, prior to the appearance of her book, informed the Bureau at the New York Office of her contact with MARY PRICE at 1921 Olive Street, N. Y., mentioned.

On page 196 of her book Miss BENTLEY describes an incident involving **J. JULIUS JOSEPH**, **MARY PRICE**, two unidentified NY employees, and herself. Miss BENTLEY states that in the Fall of 1943, sometime after mid September, she made arrangements with MARY PRICE to have PRICE meet **J. JULIUS JOSEPH**. At the agreed time BENTLEY and PRICE appeared at the PRICE apartment (apparently 2038 1st Street, N. Y., Washington, D. C., although it is not specifically so stated) only to discover that PRICE was entertaining two men from the Office of War Information. These men are not identified by Miss BENTLEY in her book other than to state that she knew one to be "a man I had known years before in my Communist Club at Columbia University. . ." Miss BENTLEY instructed MARY PRICE to get rid of these two visitors as soon as possible. In the two hour interim BENTLEY and JOSEPH hid behind a stove on the back porch of the PRICE apartment.

Information available to FBI fails to indicate that Miss BENTLEY had informed the Bureau of this incident prior to the appearance of her book. When interviewed in late 1952 by SA **LESTER G. GALLAGHER** of the New York Office Miss BENTLEY stated that she could not recall the name of the man whom she recognized as having been a Communist Party member who was present on this occasion at the PRICE apartment. It was her recollection that this man had been a newspaper man and that she had been told at a later date that he was out of the Communist Party.

In other respects the information concerning MARY PRICE included in Miss BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" does not appear to



Letter to Director

Re: MARY WATKINS PRICE, was.

do not materially vary or elaborate upon information which Miss BENTLEY has previously furnished.

Miss BENTLEY was for years handled as an informant by the New York Office. Her files fail to reflect that she has furnished information concerning MARY PRICE to other than New York agents. It is therefore requested that the New York Office carefully review all information furnished by Miss BENTLEY concerning MARY PRICE to ensure that the information appearing in this letter is factually correct. It is possible that NY is not in possession of every reference to the PRICE made by Miss BENTLEY particularly where Miss BENTLEY was at the time discussing some other individual subject in whom NY was not then interested.

Director, FBI (100-128634)

1/11/54

SAC, New York (101-414)

LEONARD EMIL MINS, was  
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

*Elizabeth Bentley*

Re: airtel 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R" instructing review of ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" to insure there is no other information expanding upon data previously furnished the Bureau.

Information concerning MINS in BENTLEY's book is set forth on pages 160 and 161 of the book and was reported to the Bureau in the MINS case in the report of SA JOHN WILSON, JR., 8/18/52. ELIZABETH BENTLEY was subsequently interviewed concerning information on MINS given in her book. She advised that she did not know MINS personally but only through JACOB GOLOS, her Soviet superior. This interview is reported in the MINS case in the report of SA JOHN WILSON, JR., 11/20/52.

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Director, FBI (100-364301)

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SAC, New York (100-95076)

HAZEN EDWARD SISE, was  
ESPIONAGE-R

Rebu Air-Tel 10/26/53, in case entitled 'HARRY DEXTER WHITE,  
Espionage-R."

Referenced Air-Tel instructed that ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure that there is no other information in the book which expands upon or differs with data which she has furnished to the Bureau.

On pages 158 and 259 of "Out of Bondage", she refers to "a man whom I shall call HAROLD SLOAN, a young Canadian whom I contacted over a year and a half—" Examination of Miss BENTLEY's manuscript for the book reflects that the name was originally that of the subject HAZEN SISE.

Comparison of the material in the book with information furnished by Miss BENTLEY, concerning SISE, in her signed statements of November 30, 1945, and during an interview by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER on September 26, 1951, reflects that her statements to the Bureau Agents and material in the book are essentially comparable with the exception below:

In the book she stated SISE had been recommended for trustworthiness by TIM BUCK and SAM CARR, leaders of the Canadian Communist leaders, where as in her statements to Bureau Agents, she has stated that she believed SISE had been placed in contact with JACOB GOLOS by means of a letter of introduction from FRED ROSE, the Canadian Communist who most frequently corresponded with GOLOS. She stated that the basis of her belief that this letter of introduction was from ROSE stems from the fact that he more frequently corresponded with GOLOS than did BUCK or CARR (who also corresponded with GOLOS), although she did not actually know the letter was from ROSE, since she did not see it.

New Orleans is requested to ask Miss BENTLEY the basis for her statement that SISE had been recommended for trustworthiness by TIM BUCK and SAM CARR.

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January 12, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR BAYFIELD:

RE: HAZEN EDWARD SISE, also known as  
Hazen Sise

Reference is made to our memoranda of August 27, 1951, September 8, 1951, and October 3, 1951, in the matter captioned Lester D. Pearson, with alias Michael Pearson.

This is to advise that in her book "Out of Bondage," on pages 158 and 259, Elizabeth Bentley refers to "a man whom I shall call Harold Sloan, a young Canadian whom I contacted over a year and one half..." Examination of Miss Bentley's manuscript for the book reflects that the name was originally that of the subject of this communication, Hazen Sise. Comparison of the material in the book with information furnished by Miss Bentley regarding Sise in her signed statement of November 30, 1945, and during an interview on September 26, 1951, reflects that her statements to Bureau agents and material in the book are essentially the same with the following exception: In the book she stated Sise had been recommended for trustworthiness by Tim Buck and Sam Carr, leaders of the Canadian Communist Party, whereas in her statements to Bureau agents she stated that she believed Sise had been placed in contact with Jacob Golos by means of a letter of introduction from Fred Rose, the Canadian Communist who corresponded with Golos most frequently. She stated that the basis of her belief that this letter of introduction was from Rose was the fact that he corresponded with Golos more frequently than did Buck or Carr. She said she did not actually know that the letter was from Rose since she had not seen it.

Efforts are being made to determine from Miss Bentley the basis for her statement that Sise had been recommended for trustworthiness by Tim Buck and Sam Carr. Upon receipt of this information it will be made available to you.

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cc - 2 - Liaison Representative  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

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NOTE:

In referenced memoranda Bayfield was advised that Bentley had stated that Lester Pearson and Hazen Sise were friendly and that Pearson in 1943 and 1944 made available to Sise information re policy and political matters, which information in turn was made available by Sise to Bentley. In view of the previous references of information on Sise to Bayfield, and since it is not known to what extent the RCMP is investigating Sise, it is believed the transmittal of this information to Bayfield at this time is warranted.

Director, FBI (101-4782)

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LINI MOERKIRK STOUMAN was  
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Rebuairtel TO/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE",  
ESPIONAGE - R".

Referenced Airtel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book, "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information contained in the book which expands upon or differs with data which she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be channelized to appropriate individual files.

References to the above captioned individual were found in the book on pages 4, to 11, through 31, 35, 61, 62, 63, 80, 86 and 90 under the name LEE FUHR. This data was compared with data furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY in her signed statement dated November 30, 1945. References contained in the book which appear to expand upon or differ with material are attached to this letter. Because of the large number of individuals involved and the extremely large volume of information furnished by Miss BENTLEY, it was not possible to compare the information from the book with the total information furnished by her concerning each individual. In other instances the information has been routed to the case files and the material from the book is being reviewed and compared by agents handling these cases with information appearing in the files which has been furnished by BENTLEY.

In instances where offices other than NY are origin, excerpts from the book have been forwarded to the offices of origin for purposes of making this comparison. A review of the NY file in instant case reflects that the Bureau is office origin by virtue of the subject's residence in Mexico. This review also reflects that the NYO file is not complete enough to enable an adequate comparison of the attached material. It is therefore believed the Bureau as office of origin may find it desirable to have this comparison made at the Bureau or may wish to designate another office having a more complete file on the subject to handle this matter. Leads to clarify the information contained in BENTLEY'S book should be directed to the New Orleans office in which district BENTLEY is presently residing.

It is requested that copies of correspondence regarding this matter be directed to the Bureau and NYO files on ELIZABETH BENTLEY (Bufile 134-435 and NY files 65-14603 and NY 134-182).

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LINI MOERKERN STUMEN  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re New York letter dated December 29, 1953; re report Special Agent William T. Baker dated December 17, 1953, at Mexico City, Mexico.

A copy of the referenced New York letter, together with the enclosure mentioned in that letter, is enclosed for the Los Angeles Office. Two copies of the referenced report are enclosed for the Los Angeles Office.

A review of the file on Stumen reflects she has been active in the Communist Movement since the mid 1930's, and she is closely associated with Mexican and American Communists in the Mexico City, Mexico, area. In view of her activities a Security Index Card is warranted. Since Stumen's last residence in the United States in December, 1949, was in Los Angeles, California, Los Angeles is being designated office of origin.

The Los Angeles Office should comply with the instructions set forth in the enclosed New York letter.



The report should be accompanied by an FD-128 recommending Stumen's inclusion in the Security Index.

Enclosure

3cc - New York (134-182) (65-14603) (100-48358) 1  
2cc - Legal Attache (100-825) (For Information) 1  
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cc - Bufile. (134-435)

cc - Foreign Service Desk

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

The middle name of the subject as set forth in the incoming letter from New York is incorrectly spelled. Stoumen has been active in the Communist Party since at least 1934. She continued her activities in the Communist Party until 1947. She recruited Elizabeth Bentley into the Communist Party in 1935. She served as a nurse with the Loyalty Force. She has been in Mexico since December, 1949. Since her arrival in Mexico, Stoumen has been closely associated with American, Mexican, and Spanish Loyalist Communist.



Director, FBI (100-14778)

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SAC, New York (100-7577)

WILLIAM WARSZOWER, was:  
William Weiner, et al  
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Rebuairtel 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, Espionage - R" and NY memo of SA LESTER C. GADDAHER, 12/10/53.

Referenced air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information contained therein which expands upon or differs from data which she has furnished the Bureau and that all pertinent data be disseminated to appropriate individual files.

The references pertaining to captioned subject which appear in the book on Pages 162, 244 and 247 were compared with previous information furnished by ELIZABETH BENTLEY. While it is thought that the information on Page 244 describing WILLIAM WEINER as "the head of the Party's Finance Committee" with whom Miss BENTLEY had "dealt in connection with the future reorganization of World Tourists" is related to information furnished by Miss BENTLEY as set forth in the report of SA HAROLD V. KENNEDY, 1/7/46 at NY entitled "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, Espionage - R", (see below) it is believed that further clarification on this point would be helpful.

The information previously furnished by Miss BENTLEY and set forth in the above described report is as follows:

"In respect to the corporate affairs of "World Tourists, Inc. the informant declared that immediately prior to March 15, 1944 there was considerable discussion among the various persons associated with the firm relative to filing of the annual corporation tax return. This was complicated because of the fact that GOLOS was the only stockholder and that no administration had been had of his estate. Involved in these discussions were SOL COHEN, previously mentioned, WILLIAM WEINER and MORRIS GREENBERG, an accountant, had handled some physical matters for the concern; they tentatively decided to effect an antedated stock transfer which would result in making it appear on the corporation's stock book that ARNOLD FINKELBERG rather than GOLOS was the owner of all outstanding shares

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of World Tourists, Inc. They discussed this procedure with EARL BROWDER, however, and after he advised that in his opinion it would be 'suicidal' they apparently abandoned the scheme and so far as informant knows the stock is still in the name of GOLOS."

For information of the New Orleans Office WILLIAM WEINER and JACOB M. GOLOS, who was Miss BENTLEY'S superior in espionage operations, were both officers of World Tourists, Inc. WEINER for many years was President of the IWO and more recently he was connected with New Century Publishers, Inc., a Communist publishing house. According to informant WEINER controls the financial operations of the CP-USA and reportedly has directed the establishment of Communist business enterprises for the purpose of obtaining funds for the CP.

The New Orleans Office is requested to interview Miss BENTLEY fully concerning her knowledge of WEINER 's various activities and specifically to have her clarify and elaborate upon her dealings with WEINER in connection with the "future of the organization of World Tourists."

Director, FBI (101-4053)

1/13/54

SAC, NY (65-15314)

HARRY DEXTER WHITE  
ESPIONAGE - R

RebuAir-Tel 10/26/53.

A review of the information in ELIZABETH F. BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" and the information furnished by Miss BENTLEY to Bureau agents reflects that there is nothing contained in the book that has not been furnished to the agents who have interviewed her and which in turn has been forwarded to the Bureau.

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Director, FBI (65-7868)

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SAC, New York (65-7243)

LOUIS SASS, was  
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Re Newark letter, 12/28/53.

On 11/30/45 ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY furnished a signed statement to SAs THOMAS G. SPENCER and JOSEPH M. KELLY.

On page 4 of this statement Miss BENTLEY advised "LOUIS SASS, which I do not think is his true name, was an organizer of the Harlem Section of the CP in 1935. During the time that I knew JULIET GLAZER, I explained some of her activities to SASS and he indicated to me that JULIET was probably a German agent. In connection with LOUIS SASS' present whereabouts I recall that SASS was an associate of MARCANTONIO and in 1937 SASS moved to the State of Oregon. I do not recall his present whereabouts but I do recall that he either enlisted or was drafted into the Armed Forces during World War II."

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FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)  
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Rebuair-tel dated 10/26/53 in the case entitled,  
"ARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESP-R".

During the review of ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book,  
"Out of Bondage", which is being conducted as per instruc-  
tion in referenced air-tel, it became necessary to prepare  
an index of the book in order that information concerning  
various subjects mentioned therein could be correlated.  
Also in the course of the preparation of this index it was  
believed advisable to index certain items of the subject  
matter dealt with by BENTLEY in the book as well as  
organizations, government departments, etc., noted therein.

Forwarded herewith to the Bureau are ten copies  
of this index. It is suggested that copies of this index  
be retained in the Bureau's "GREGORY" case file and the  
individual case file on BENTLEY and that additional copies  
be retained with copies of the book in the Bureau's possession  
for ready reference.

Two copies of this index are being forwarded here-  
with to the New Orleans office, one copy of which is to be  
retained in BENTLEY's file and the other maintained with  
the copies of "Out of Bondage", which has been forwarded to  
the New Orleans office.

Four copies of this index are being forwarded here-  
with to the Washington Field office, one copy of which is to  
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During a review of the book, "Out of Bondage" by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, for the purpose of channelizing information contained therein to case files of individuals, the following index was prepared. Names set out herein in parenthesis are code names by which the various individuals were known to BENTLEY or nicknames by which she refers to the individual.

In some instances she referred to individuals by pseudonyms to conceal their real identity for various reasons. In most of these instances the correct name has been ascertained through an examination of Miss BENTLEY's manuscript for the book. In those instances the pseudonyms is set out in parenthesis preceded by an asterisk and reference is made to the correct name of the individual.

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In a memorandum dated 10/7/54 from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins it is pointed out that in taking testimony from persons named by Elizabeth Bentley before Federal grand juries (seeking a person who will testify after being granted immunity), there has arisen certain discrepancies between Bentley's statement and statements made by several of the subjects under oath. Tompkins requests the Bureau to arrange for an appointment with Bentley for two Departmental attorneys in order to resolve these points. We do not know the nature of the discrepancies referred to, although we have been furnished by the Department the Grand Jury testimony of William H. Taylor, who appeared 9/20/54. Taylor's testimony is voluminous, covering 111 pages, and it has been carefully studied and analyzed in connection with our voluminous file on the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case, with the following results to date:

In his testimony Taylor lists six points which he claims show certain of Bentley's testimony is inaccurate. (In November, 1953, Taylor instituted a libel suit against the "Washington Daily News" and it appears Taylor and his attorney have made a thorough study of Bentley's testimony, seeking possible points, no matter how small, with which to discredit her.) The points made by Taylor before the Grand Jury on their face seem to indicate small inaccuracies on Bentley's part, but, at the same time, Bentley has testified on many occasions before Congressional committees and on occasions has had to answer questions calling for answers not known first-hand to her. It is only normal that some of this information would be subject to question. Most of the points made are somewhat insignificant and do not discredit the over-all weight of her testimony. The points made by Taylor are as follows:

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Comment. Bentley so indicated in testimony before the Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization on 5/13/49. It is noted, however, that Bentley has informed us that Silvermaster and Ullman had a source in the Air Force in the person of Abraham George Silverman. He could have been Ullman's source. It is true that Ullman did not enter the Armed Services until October, 1942.

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STATUTE (b)(e)

Comment: Bentley in her testimony on 7/31/48 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) did state she learned about D-Day in advance from Ullman who had learned the date through his connections with General Hildring's office. Bentley, in her statement to us dated 11/30/45, stated she had received information concerning the approximate scheduled date of D-Day.

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Comment: It is noted that Bentley in testimony before the HCUA in July, 1948, did testify as alleged by Taylor. She was, therefore, inaccurate in her statement at that time. She has told us that she met with the Perlo group in the Spring of 1944 at the instructions of Earl Browder and that she discussed with them the paying to her of Communist Party dues.

(b)(3) (b)(e) STATUTE

Comment: Attorney General Brownell, in his speech of 11/17/53, in summarizing the contents of our summary on Harry Dexter White, sent to the White House on 2/4/46, speaking of the Perlo group stated: "The information gathered from the Perlo group was channeled through Jacob M. Golos and on to the Soviet diplomatic establishment in the same manner as outlined for the operation of the Silvermaster group." The data in our February, 1946, summary, which coincides with A.G. Brownell's statement, came from the signed statement of Bentley dated 11/30/45, wherein Bentley states that prior to Golos' death he told her that he had made contact with another group in Washington through Earl Browder. In the Spring of 1944 Browder told her of this group that Golos had been contacting and instructed her to establish contact with them, which Bentley then did.

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Comment: Bentley testified on 10/21/53 before the McCarthy Committee that she never met William Taylor. She told us that it was her recollection of Taylor that he was sent to China as a Treasury representative and was later sent to Portugal. She testified in a similar manner before the HCUA on 7/31/48. We previously have considered this seeming inconsistency on Bentley's part, but, as her information was hearsay on this point, she is unable to go back of it.

OBSERVATIONS:

The Bureau has a definite interest in Elizabeth Bentley. She has been interviewed on repeated occasions by Bureau agents. Interviews with her at this time to resolve these alleged discrepancies would be more productive and accurate if conducted by Bureau agents who have a background of the Silvermaster case and a familiarity with Elizabeth Bentley than would an interview by Departmental attorneys.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended we reply to the Department's request by pointing out to them that it would be more desirable for agents having knowledge of the Silvermaster case and Bentley to resolve these alleged discrepancies. If the Department will furnish the Bureau with a list of these discrepancies we will interview her and furnish the results to the Department. Thereafter, if the Department desires to further interview her or take her before a grand jury, we will have no objections.

*I wholeheartedly agree. I don't like the trend for attys to inject themselves into our field.*

*J.*

SAC, New Orleans (134-89)

November 9, 1954

Director, FBI (134-435)

**ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY**  
**SECURITY INFORMANT**

On 9/20/54, William Henry Taylor appeared before a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Washington, D. C. During the course of his testimony he charged Bentley has stated in the past at least six things that were physically impossible.

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Taylor next takes issue with statements made by Bentley  
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Bentley in her book "Out of Whirlage" says on page 240 that Wilman had been able to find out about C-day four days ahead of time. In her appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 7/3/48 and in her statement to the Bureau on 11/30/45 she indicates she learned of C-day in advance but is not as specific as she is in her book.

Taylor also takes issue with testimony furnished by Bentley [REDACTED]

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, <sup>Security Informant</sup> ST. BENTLEY TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED TODAY THAT NEWSPAPER MEN HAVE BEEN CONTACTING HER REGARDING THE DEATH OF WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON. BENTLEY ADVISED THAT SHE HAS NO COMMENT FOR THE PRESS AND THAT SHE HAS BEEN ANSWERING INQUIRIES WITH ~~QUOTE~~ "NO COMMENT" ~~UNQUOTE~~. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU.

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Bentley on 7/31/48, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, stated she delivered dues of the Perlo group, in which Magdoff's dues were included, to Golos during his lifetime. She appears to be in error on this point.

However, on 8/9/48, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, she testified data given to her by the Perlo group she delivered to her Russian contact, "Bill." This also agrees with her statement of 11/30/45, furnished the Bureau.

Another point raised by Taylor is Bentley's testimony

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[REDACTED] In testimony before the McCarthy Committee, she says her efforts began in late 1943 or early 1944. She also states [REDACTED]

Taylor claims, [REDACTED]

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Bentley on 10/21/53, before the McCarthy Committee, testified she was involved in securing samples of the allied military marks in late 1943 or early 1944. She also stated it was her understanding these marks came from the office of White through Ullman. As a matter of interest, in the hearings regarding the Occupation Currency Transactions held in June, 1947, there is information that as of February 4, 1944, White forwarded a Photostat of the Allied military mark to the Soviet Ambassador Wrotyko.

The last point raised by Taylor was Bentley's

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Bentley has testified on 10/21/53, before the McCarthy Committee, that she never met William Taylor. In her statement to the Bureau on 11/30/45, and before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 7/31/48, she stated she believed Taylor was in the Treasury Department and that he had gone to China and Portugal.

Each of the points raised by Taylor can seemingly be explained by data available in Bureau files. However, to avoid any possible future embarrassment, each point raised should be discussed in detail with Elizabeth Bentley. She should not be told that Taylor in his appearance before the Grand Jury on 9/20/54, raised these points. It should be pointed out a review of her testimony and certain of her writings have pointed out certain variations in her story. She should be asked for her explanation for these variations on each point. Bentley should also be told that these points might be raised in an effort to discredit her, in the event she were to appear as a Government witness at any future hearings. Results of your interview should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

Rebulet November 9, 1954.

Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed at Lafayette, Louisiana, on December 5, 1954, at which time the discrepancies pointed out by WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR were discussed with her.

1. Second Paragraph, Referenced Letter. Miss BENTLEY advised that the information regarding a raid was received from ULLMAN but that there was no information as to the identity of the individual who was to be in charge of the raid. Miss BENTLEY advised that she recalled definitely that the raid was to be held on the Emperor's birthday and she stated that she has never referred to the raid as the Doolittle Raid, as the identity of the person to be in charge of the raid was not known at that time.

Miss BENTLEY pointed out that after WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN went into the armed services in October, 1942 it was several months before he was finally sent back to the Pentagon Building where he subsequently had dealings and connections with the B-29 Program at Dayton Field, Ohio. She stated that ULLMAN received the information regarding the B-29 raid as a result of his connections at Dayton Field and at the Pentagon Building.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she does not recall the exact date that the information was received but pointed out that it was after the death of JACOB GOLOS in November, 1943. She stated that she definitely recalled that the Russians were very excited about the information regarding the B-29 raid as they were under the impression that the B-29 Program was still in the experimental stage.

Miss BENTLEY again pointed out that the information was received regarding this raid in the early part of 1944 and that the information definitely came from

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ULLMAN as a result of his connection and association with people in the Pentagon Building and with the B-29 Program at Dayton Field.

Miss BENTLEY again stated that she has never referred to the raid as the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo. In fact, she stated that as far as she can recall now the place of the raid was not known to ULLMAN at that time.

2. Paragraph 3, Referenced Letter. Miss BENTLEY advised that the information regarding D Day came to her from WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN, but that the exact date the information was received by her is not recalled. She stated that as far as she can recall now that the information was received from one to four days prior to D Day but that the information was not received in sufficient time to be of any value to the Russians.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she definitely recalls this information coming from ULLMAN, and that she recalls that he told her that he had made a bet with an individual, not identified, at the Pentagon regarding the date of D Day, and remarked to her that the individual with whom he bet did not have a chance as he, ULLMAN, knew when D Day was going to be.

Miss BENTLEY pointed out that in her book, "Out of Bondage" she states that this information was received four days prior to D Day; however, she stated that this date was selected at random in view of the fact that it was from one to four days prior to D Day that she received the information from ULLMAN.

Miss BENTLEY advised that ULLMAN at that time was cultivating a Major KODES, who was an aide to General HILLDRING at the Pentagon Building, and that he in all probability received information regarding D Day through this source.

3. Paragraph 5, Referenced Letter. Miss BENTLEY advised that she did not know the VICTOR PERLO Group prior to the death of JACOB GOLOS in November, 1943. She stated that in March, 1944, she met with PERLO, KRAMER and FITZGERALD at the home of JOHN ABT. She stated that it was also on this date that she met HARRY MAGDOFF.

Miss BENTLEY advised that when she appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 31, 1948,

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she did not intentionally testify that she gave the party dues of MAGDOFF to GOLOS during his life time. She added that this could not have been true since she was not acquainted with MAGDOFF until March, 1944, which was several months after the death of JACOB GOLOS.

Miss BENTLEY advised that what in all probability happened is that while she was testifying regarding the operations of the group, some individual interrupted and asked to whom she delivered dues generally and that she answered to JACOB GOLOS during his life time. She advised that the statement applied to dues in general while GOLOS was living and did not apply to the VICTOR PERLO Group.

Miss BENTLEY added that she never saw a transcript of her testimony before this committee and consequently was not given a chance to make any corrections in regard to her testimony.

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Rebulet November 9, 1954.

Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed at Lafayette, Louisiana, on December 5, 1954, at which time the discrepancies pointed out by WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR were discussed with her.

1. Second Paragraph, Referenced Letter. Miss BENTLEY advised that the information regarding a raid was received from ULLMAN but that there was no information as to the identity of the individual who was to be in charge of the raid. Miss BENTLEY advised that she recalled definitely that the raid was to be held on the Emperor's birthday and she stated that she has never referred to the raid as the Doolittle Raid, as the identity of the person to be in charge of the raid was not known at that time.

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Miss BENTLEY advised that she does not recall the exact date that the information was received but pointed out that it was after the death of JACOB GOLOS in November, 1943. She stated that she definitely recalled that the Russians were very excited about the information regarding the B-29 raid as they were under the impression that the B-29 Program was still in the experimental stage.

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2. Paragraph 3, Referenced Letter. Miss BENTLEY advised that the information regarding D Day came to her from WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN, but that the exact date the information was received by her is not recalled. She stated that as far as she can recall now that the information was received from one to four days prior to D Day but that the information was not received in sufficient time to be of any value to the Russians.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she definitely recalls this information coming from ULLMAN, and that she recalls that he told her that he had made a bet with an individual, not identified, at the Pentagon regarding the date of D Day, and remarked to her that the individual with whom he bet did not have a chance as he, ULLMAN, knew when D Day was going to be.

Miss BENTLEY pointed out that in her book, "Out of Bondage" she states that this information was received four days prior to D Day; however, she stated that this date was selected at random in view of the fact that it was from one to four days prior to D Day that she received the information from ULLMAN.

Miss BENTLEY advised that ULLMAN at that time was cultivating a Major KODES, who was an aide to General HILLDRING at the Pentagon Building, and that he in all probability received information regarding D Day through this source.

3. Paragraph 5, Referenced Letter. Miss BENTLEY advised that she did not know the VICTOR PERLO Group prior to the death of JACOB GOLOS in November, 1943. She stated that in March, 1944, she met with PERLO, KRAMER and FITZGERALD at the home of JOHN ABT. She stated that it was also on this date that she met HARRY MAGDOFF.

Miss BENTLEY advised that when she appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 31, 1948,

SAC, New Orleans (134-89) (original and one) December 15, 1954

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

Reurlet 12-8-54.

There still appears to be some confusion regarding the so-called Doolittle Raid on Tokyo (April, 1942) and the use of B-29's. For your information and assistance the Doolittle Raid in April, 1942, involved the use of sixteen B-25 bombers which took off from the U.S.S. "Hornet" (naval aircraft carrier) for the Tokyo raid. The B-25 is a twin engine medium bomber in use during World War II. Obviously the B-29, a multiengine heavy bomber, used during World War II and which was not operational in April, 1942, could not have been utilized. At a later period in World War II the B-29's were operated from land bases against the Japanese mainland.

It appears that Bentley in discussing the B-29 and indicating she received this information after the death of Jacob Golos in November, 1943, could not have meant the Doolittle Raid which took place in 1942. However, in her appearance before the McCarran Committee in May, 1949, Bentley did testify that data on the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo was available to her from William Ludwig Ullman. The information relative to the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo was interjected during Bentley's testimony concerning Ullman on 5-13-49. Bentley was testifying about data re the B-29 when the question "Did you have any information respecting the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo, which you transmitted as a courier?" was interjected. Bentley responded by stating she had received information about that raid a week or ten days in advance from Ullman who was a specialist in the B-29 program.

You should recontact Bentley and determine where she received this information about the Doolittle Raid. The issue of a B-29 raid should not enter into the discussion of the Doolittle Raid as this is an entirely separate matter and has no bearing or relationship on the use of the B-25 in April, 1942.

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TO : Director, FBI (134-435)

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (134-89)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 1-25-55

Rebulet 12-15-54.

Miss BENTLEY was interviewed on 12-17-54 at Lafayette, La., at which time she advised that she never received any information regarding the so-called Doolittle Raid on Tokyo in April, 1942. In fact, she stated, she never heard of the Doolittle Raid until about 1949 when she was testifying before the McCarran Committee concerning the B-29 Program. Miss BENTLEY advised that if she testified before this committee that ULLMAN had furnished her information in advance regarding a raid on Tokyo wherein the B-29s were used and the raid was known as the Doolittle Raid, then this testimony is incorrect as she stated she never received any information regarding a Doolittle Raid prior to the time the raid was executed. Miss BENTLEY stated that the question, "Did you have any information respecting the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo which you transmitted as a courier?" came up during her testimony before the McCarran Committee; however, she stated she assumed that the question referred to the raid which was supposed to be conducted with B-29 Bombers in the early part of 1944.

Miss BENTLEY further related that all of her testimony before this McCarran Committee in connection with information she had received from ULLMAN was in connection with the B-29 Program.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
 SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 2-18-55

Re Paragraph B of SAC letter No. 55-13.

Miss BENTLEY was originally developed as a Security Informant by the New York Office. She has been living in the New Orleans territory since April, 1953, and is contacted frequently by the New Orleans Office at the request of other Bureau Divisions, particularly in Espionage cases. She has been carried as a Security Informant in the New Orleans Office since October 7, 1953.

New Orleans does not have complete information concerning Miss BENTLEY's former weaknesses while she was an informant at the New York Office, however, she is constantly beset by representatives of the press, investigators of other Government agencies, congressional committees, attorneys, etc. When contacted by one of the above, she immediately contacts the liaison agent for consultation and advice. To date the New Orleans Office has been able to maintain close liaison with her and has been able to keep informed of events as they occur.

As the Bureau pointed out in Paragraph N of SAC letter 54-28, Miss BENTLEY has been under considerable mental strain. It is the observation of agents in this office contacting her that she is emotionally taunt.

To overcome this difficulty and to safeguard against possible future complications, the resident agent, at Lafayette, Louisiana (in which territory Miss BENTLEY resides) maintains frequent contact with her and is in a position to consult with Miss BENTLEY whenever she feels she has a problem. In the past when the resident agent at Lafayette has been unavailable to consult with, Miss BENTLEY has communicated telephonically with agents known to her in the New Orleans Office.

The above tactics are being followed in an attempt to control Miss BENTLEY's apparent difficulty.

In view of her value to the Bureau in espionage cases, she will be retained as a Security Informant UACB.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. FEBRUARY 21, 1955

Transmit the following message to: SAC, NEW ORLEANS

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, SECURITY INFORMANT. QUOTE WASHINGTON EVENING STAR UNQUOTE OF FEBRUARY TWENTYONE, INSTANT, QUOTES HARVEY MATUSOW AS TESTIFYING BEFORE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE THAT QUOTE MISS ELIZABETH BENTLEY, I BELIEVE, GAVE FALSE TESTIMONY. UNQUOTE HE ALLEGEDLY LEARNED THIS IN CONVERSATION WITH BENTLEY. CONTACT BENTLEY AND SUTEL EXTENT AND NATURE OF ANY CONTACTS BETWEEN MATUSOW AND BENTLEY. DETAIL ANY CONVERSATION BENTLEY CAN RECALL WHICH COULD HAVE GIVEN RISE TO CLAIMS MADE BY MATUSOW THAT BENTLEY HAS LIED. DETERMINE IF BENTLEY WOULD BE WILLING TO TESTIFY AND DENY THESE ALLEGATIONS IF CALLED UPON TO DO SO.

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DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, SECURITY INFORMANT. REBUTEL TO NO FEBRUARY TWENTYONE LAST AND PHONE CALL OF INSPECTOR VICTOR KEAY THIS DATE. BENTLEY DOES NOT RECALL ANY SPECIAL CONVERSATION WITH MATUSOW EXCEPT THAT DURING LUNCHEON WITH DR. RUTH MATTHEWS AND MATUSOW OCTOBER THREE FIFTY-TWO. SHE STATES SHE NEVER MENTIONED ANYTHING CONCERNING HER RELATIONS WITH BUREAU DURING THIS MEETING AND ANY ALLEGATIONS MATUSOW HAS MADE CONCERNING HER ARE ABSOLUTELY FALSE AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION. BENTLEY ADVISED SHE NEVER HAD A CONVERSATION WITH MATUSOW THAT WOULD GIVE RISE FOR HIS ALLEGATIONS THAT SHE HAD TESTIFIED FALSELY. SHE EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT SHE HAD NEVER TESTIFIED FALSELY AND HAS NEVER FURNISHED ANY FALSE INFORMATION TO THIS BUREAU TO HER KNOWLEDGE. THE ONLY <sup>OTHER</sup> REMARK SHE CAN RECALL MAKING IN PRESENCE OF MATUSOW AND DR. RUTH MATTHEWS IN OCTOBER FIFTY-TWO WAS THAT SHE WAS QUOTE LOOKING FOR A JOB UNQUOTE. SHE DOES NOT RECALL ANYONE ELSE TALKING WITH THREE THREE OF THEM DURING THIS LUNCHEON. BENTLEY KNEW ALBERT E. KAHN AS A COMMUNIST ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN NY FROM JANUARY FORTY-ONE TO ABOUT APRIL FORTY-THREE. SHE DOES NOT KNOW CAMERON OR ANYTHING ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES. BENTLEY WILLING TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE TO REFUTE ALLEGATIONS BY MATUSOW PROVIDED DATE OF APPEARANCE WOULD BE SUCH AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE HER JOB AND LIVELIHOOD. EARLIEST DATE SHE CAN APPEAR WOULD BE MARCH TWENTY-ONE, TWENTY-TWO, TWENTY-THREE NEXT. SHE WILL ALSO HAVE

Mr. Belmont

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SOME FREE TIME DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS. BENTLEY HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED  
BY INS REPRESENTATIVE AND DENIES ALLEGATIONS OF MATUSOW. SHE IS  
EXPECTING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY REPORTERS FROM NBC TODAY AND STATES  
SHE INTENDS TO DENY MATUSOW-S ALLEGATIONS.

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cc: MR. BELMONT  
AND SUPERVISOR *Mr. Belmont*  
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

*cc: Mr. [unclear]*

L. F. Boardman

Jan. 23, 1955

A. H. Belmont

**HARVEY MATUSOW**

SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Bufile 100-875035)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY ✓  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION (Bufile 134-435)

According to newspaper accounts, in testimony given before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on 1/21 and 2/22/55, Matusow claims he believes Bentley has given false testimony. He claims he learned this during a dinner with her in a New York City restaurant in 1952. She allegedly told him she was broke, had to testify to live and needed to find additional information. Pursuant to a request from the Bureau, the New Orleans office by teletype 2/22/55 advised that Bentley, Dr. Ruth Matthews and Matusow met at a luncheon on 10/3/52. She categorically denies the accusation made by Matusow and claims she has never given false testimony nor furnished false information to the FBI. She said she had no discussion with Matusow on the giving of false testimony, but recalls telling him that she needed a job.

Instructions were issued telephonically to the MI office by Inspector Egan on 2/23/55 to locate and interview Dr. Ruth Matthews for information concerning any conversation she recalls during the luncheon with Matusow and Bentley on 10/3/52. Newspaper accounts also indicate that at the dinner Matusow speaks of he claims a former roommate of his, Llewellyn Watts, was present and may have heard some of the conversation. The MI office has been instructed to locate and interview Watts for information concerning the Bentley matter and also for other information concerning Matusow. The New Orleans office was telephonically instructed by Inspector Egan to develop from Bentley further details on this entire matter, including any and all meetings with Matusow. Both offices were also instructed to give this matter immediate attention and to see that all leads are thoroughly and promptly covered.

Attachment

CC: 1 - Bufile 100-74021 (Kohn)  
1 - Mr. Boardman  
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This attack on Bentley as a witness could very well be part of a carefully planned attack on the Government's security program and in Bentley there is an attempt to smear a witness who has been vouched for by the FBI. It is to be recalled that the Director, in his appearance before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on 11/17/53, attested "All information furnished by Miss Bentley, which was susceptible to check, has proven to be correct."

It is also noted that Bentley previously has identified Albert E. Kahn, a member of the firm Cameron and Kahn, which is publishing Matuzon's book, as a Communist who was a contact of Jacob Golos, Bentley's espionage superior. She informed us that Kahn furnished information to both Golos and herself during 1942. This date was included in the signed statement of Elizabeth Bentley dated 11/30/45 and was furnished to the Department in the report of SA Thomas G. Spencer, dated 12/5/45 at New York, in the case entitled "Eathan Gregory Silvermaster, was., et al, Espionage - R." This report was sent to Assistant Attorney General Caudle by memo dated 12/31/45.

**ACTION:** 1) Theresa attached a memorandum to the Attorney General, with copies to Mr. Rogers and Mr. Tompkins, outlining Bentley's denial of these charges made by Matuzon.

2) We are closely following all aspects of this matter and have instructed the New York and New Orleans offices to promptly and thoroughly cover all leads and to keep the Bureau informed of every development.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date February 24, 1955 Time 7:14 PM

Miss Elizabeth Bentley tele thru  
operator  
in Louisiana.

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REMARKS

When advised of the Director's absence from the office, Miss Bentley consented to speak with an assistant. After checking, she was referred to Mr. McGuire in Mr. Nichols' office.

7:26 PM Mr. McGuire advised that Miss Bentley stated she has been accused by Matusow of having dinner with him on October 3, 1952, and that she could not recall where she was on that date and wondered if the Bureau could assist her in this matter.

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Miss Bentley was assured that her request would be brought to the Director's attention.

Mr. Boardman has been advised of the call and has instructed Inspector Hennrich in Mr. Belmont's office to call the SAC at New Orleans and have him interview Miss Bentley for more specific information regarding this matter.

Mr. McGuire is preparing a memorandum.

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The Attorney General (orig. & 1)

Director, FBI

HARVEY MATSUOKA  
SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (FBI file 100-975098)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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DATE *2-23-77* *JP/ET*

According to newspaper accounts, Harvey A. Matusow, in appearances before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on February 21 and 22, 1955, made allegations that he believed Elizabeth Bentley had given false testimony. He claimed he had dinner with her in a restaurant in 1952, in New York City, when she told him she was broke, had to testify to live and had to find additional information.

Elizabeth Bentley was interviewed on February 22, 1955, at which time she categorically denied the allegations made by Matusow. She said she met Matusow at a luncheon and that a Dr. Ruth Matthews also was present. Bentley claimed the only remark she can recall making at the luncheon was that she was looking for a job. Bentley emphasized that she had never testified falsely nor furnished any false information to the FBI.

Bentley pointed out that Albert E. Kahn, who is a member of the firm Cameron and Kahn which is publishing Matusow's book, was known to her as a Communist and was engaged in espionage activities in New York City during the early 1940's. Details concerning the foregoing are contained in the report of Special Agent Thomas G. Spenser, dated December 3, 1945, New York, in the case entitled "Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, with aliases, et al, Espionage - R." This report sets out the signed statement of Bentley, dated November 30, 1945, and a copy of the foregoing report was made available to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice by memorandum dated December 31, 1946.

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See cover memo Belmont to Boardman, 2/23/55, same caption, RJL:em.

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We are presently endeavoring to develop additional information on this matter and, specifically, we are attempting to locate and interview persons who may have been present during contacts between Bentley and Matson who would be able to give an independent account of what took place. The pertinent results of this further investigation will be made available to you.

CC: 1 - Mr. William F. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: Feb. 25, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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Former SA Joseph M. Kelly telephonically contacted Supervisor R.J. Lamphere on the evening of 2/24/55. He stated he had just received a long-distance telephone call from Elizabeth Bentley who said she had been trying to reach the Director. She indicated she wanted to talk to someone at the Bureau who had knowledge of her current difficulties as a result of the allegations made by Harvey Matusow to the effect that she had given false testimony. Kelly explained to her that he was no longer with the Bureau and suggested she might desire to speak to me or to Supervisor Lamphere.

Elizabeth Bentley telephonically contacted Supervisor Lamphere at his residence at 8:20 p.m. on 2/24/55. Bentley indicated she had previously attempted to reach the Director and had spoken to Inspector McGuire. She said her purpose in calling Supervisor Lamphere was her desire to talk to someone who was familiar with her current troubles. She indicated she was considerably upset by Matusow's allegations and it appeared she probably had been drinking. Bentley said she is worried because she does not have a clear recollection of when she first met Matusow and does not recall meeting him on 10/3/52 at a dinner as he alleges. She does recall meeting him at a luncheon which was also attended by Dr. Ruth E. Matthews in 1952, but she does not recall the date of this luncheon. She said Dr. Ruth Matthews had telephonically contacted her on 2/24/55 after having been interviewed by our agents in New York City. Ruth Matthews told her the date of the luncheon was 12/4/52. Bentley said she, herself, has no records which would show when she met Matusow or under what circumstances. She is worried inasmuch as the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee has informed her she is to be subpoenaed in the near future. She wanted to know if the FBI in New York City would have any records

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CC: 100-375988 (Matusow)

Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Branigan

Mr. Gough

Mr. Lamphere

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which would indicate her whereabouts on 10/3/52, such as contact with her by an agent on that date.

Bentley was informed we are checking on various aspects of this matter and we are, of course, interested in any efforts made to discredit her or any other Government witness. She was told we would be in contact with her on various phases of this matter and she should attempt to recall in detail all contacts she may have had with Matusow and the names of persons who might have knowledge of conversations she had with Matusow.

ACTION:

The foregoing is for your information and we are checking out various leads in New York City in connection with this matter.

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Ticklers: Boardman, Belmont, Branigan  
Gough, Laphere

The Attorney General (orig. & 1)

February 25, 1955

Director, FBI

HARVEY MATUSOW  
SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (FBI file 100-37588)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION (FBI file 134-435) ✓

Reference is made to my memorandum of February 24, 1955, in the above-captioned

Mr. Ruth E. Matthews, 50 Riverside Drive, New York City, has been interviewed and she recalls that on December 4, 1952, she attended a luncheon with Elizabeth Bentley and Harvey Matusow at the Hotel Abbey in New York City. She stated that at no time during this luncheon did Bentley state, imply or indicate that any of the testimony she had furnished to the Government was false.

Mr. Matthews furnished the following as a summary of remarks made by Bentley at the luncheon: Mr. Matthews met both Miss Bentley and Matusow in the hotel lobby. During the luncheon, Bentley was somewhat upset and unhappy since she did not have a job and was unsuccessful in obtaining one at that time. Bentley mentioned that every time she went after a worth-while job, she would be called on to testify and, as a result, her prospective employer would lose interest in her. Bentley did not indicate she was not going to continue to cooperate with the FBI and the Government. She did not indicate she felt it was the responsibility of the Government to obtain a position for her. Bentley praised the FBI as an organization which developed facts. Bentley was, however, very upset and appeared to cry on one occasion, indicating her name being in the headlines continuously was getting her down. Bentley did mention she was a little upset at Roy Cohn since the latter had not followed through in rendering full assistance

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in straightening out Bentley's 1951 income tax return which had been improperly prepared by some tax accountant. She indicated Cohn was easy to contact when he was looking for her to be interviewed relative to testifying, but when she wanted to reach him on a personal matter she met with difficulty. Bentley also mentioned at the luncheon that she was appreciative of the work given to her by Alfred Kohlberg for whom she was doing some research work. She indicated she was financially strapped, stating she needed to secure regular employment to meet her financial obligations.

Elizabeth Bentley advised on February 24, 1955, that she is very concerned over the allegations made by Katson. She said she had received a telephone call from Dr. Ruth Matthews on February 24, 1955, who informed her the date of the luncheon was December 4, 1952. Bentley said she is worried because she does not have a clear recollection of when she first met Katson and does not recall meeting him on October 3, 1952, at a dinner as he alleges. She does recall the luncheon but does not know of her own recollection the exact date of this luncheon. She stated she is worried concerning the date as the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee has informed her she is to be subpoenaed in the near future. She said during the latter part of 1952 she was frequently in New York City and she suggested it might be possible to determine if she was in New York City on October 3 or December 4, 1952.

We are checking in New York City on various aspects of this matter, including Bentley's whereabouts on the two dates in question. Our New York office is furnishing the above information to United States Attorney Edward Lumbard for his information.

CC: 1 - Mr. William F. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

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cc - Mr. Gough  
Mr. Joseph

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HARVEY MATUSOW, SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY; OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE (Bufile 100-375988). ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY,

SOURCE OF INFORMATION (Bufile 134-435). RE NO TEL 2/24/55.

NY SHOULD INTERVIEW J. B. MATTHEWS AND WIFE CONCERNING PERSONS  
WHO ATTENDED BUFFET DINNERS AT WHICH BENTLEY AND MATUSOW  
BOTH MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT. IN INSTANCES WHERE THE MATTHEWS  
BELIEVE SUCH PERSONS MIGHT HAVE PERTINENT INFORMATION AND THERE  
APPEARS TO BE NO REASON NOT TO INTERVIEW THESE PERSONS, THEY SHOULD  
BE CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION ON ANY CONVERSATIONS THEY OBSERVED  
OR HEARD BETWEEN MATUSOW AND BENTLEY. WHERE PERSONS ARE NOT  
NOW IN NYC, LEADS FOR INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE SET OUT. NY SHOULD  
EXPEDITE LOCATION AND INTERVIEW OF LLEWELLYN WATTS, MATUSOW'S  
FORMER ROOMMATE, WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS PRESENT AT DINNER ON  
10/3/52, WHEN BENTLEY AND MATUSOW MET. NY REVIEW FILES ON  
BENTLEY, REMINGTON, SILVERMASTER AND RELATED FILES TO DETERMINE  
IF BENTLEY IN NYC ON 10/3 OR 12/4/52. NY NOTE BENTLEY WAS  
BEING PAID \$50 PER WEEK AS INFORMANT DURING FALL OF 1952 AND  
YOUR RECORDS MAY REFLECT CONTACTS WITH HER. NO SHOULD

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MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH BENTLEY AND DETERMINE FROM HER IF SHE WOULD HAVE OLD COPIES OF TELEPHONE BILLS, CANCELLED CHECKS OR SIMILAR RECORDS WHICH WOULD SHOW HER WHEREABOUTS ON DATES IN QUESTION. DURING ANY CONTACTS WITH BENTLEY BY NO OR NY AGENTS, EITHER IN PERSON OR TELEPHONICALLY, CARE MUST BE EXERCISED TO AVOID ANY SUBSEQUENT CHARGES WHICH MIGHT BE MADE THAT WE COACHED HER IN GIVING HER INFORMATION. BOTH OFFICES SUBMIT CAREFULLY PREPARED REPORTS IN THIS MATTER BY MARCH 10/55. NO SHOULD INSURE COPIES OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN THIS MATTER ARE DESIGNATED FOR NY OFFICE, WHICH IS OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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FEBRUARY 28, 1955

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Elizabeth Bentley  
SAC, NEW YORK

HARVEY MATUSOW, SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. RE NY TEL FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE LAST WHICH SETS OUT RECORDS PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL REFLECT BENTLEY REGISTERED THERE ON BOTH OCTOBER THREE AND DECEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYTWO. FOR INFORMATION NK MATUSOW ALLEGES AT DINNER ON OCTOBER THREE, FIFTYTWO, BENTLEY INTIMATED TO HIM SHE HAD TESTIFIED FALSELY. BENTLEY DENIES ALLEGATION, DOES NOT RECALL THE DINNER, DOES RECALL LUNCHEON WITH MATUSOW AT WHICH DR. RUTH E. MATTHEWS PRESENT. DR. MATTHEWS RECALLS LUNCHEON WITH BENTLEY AND MATUSOW ON DECEMBER FOUR, FIFTYTWO. STATES BENTLEY DID NOT INTIMATE SHE HAD TESTIFIED FALSELY. NK TEL FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO LAST REFLECTS JAMES SHEAN, GREAT NOTCH, NEW JERSEY, ADVISED MATUSOW WAS IN NYC OCTOBER THREE FIFTYTWO AS MATUSOW ON THAT DAY ATTEMPTED TO DATE SHEAN'S WIFE. SHEAN AND WIFE SAW MATUSOW OFF ON PLANE FOLLOWING MORNING. NK INTERVIEW MR. AND MRS. SHEAN IN DETAIL FOR DATA CONCERNING DETAILS OF MATUSOW'S CONTACT WITH MRS. SHEAN ON OCTOBER THREE FIFTYTWO. NY EXPEDITE LOCATION AND INTERVIEW LLEWELLYN WATIS, FORMER ROOMMATE OF MATUSOW, WHO ALLEGEDLY ATTENDED DINNER OCTOBER THREE FIFTYTWO. ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH NAME OF RESTAURANT AND THOSE

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PRESENT AT DINNER. NY DETERMINE IF RECORDS PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL  
COULD REFLECT TIMES OF ANY PHONE CALLS BENTLEY MAY HAVE MADE FROM  
HOTEL ON OCTOBER THREE FIFTYTWO.

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CC:134-435 (Bentley)

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A. L. Belmont

HARVEY MATSUSOF  
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OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Elizabeth Bentley

Harvey Matsusof alleges that at dinner on 10/3/52 Bentley intimated she had testified falsely. Bentley has denied this allegation, does not recall the dinner, does recall a luncheon at which Dr. Ruth S. Matthews was present. Dr. Matthews recalls luncheon with Bentley and Matsusof on 12/4/52, states Bentley did not say or intimate that she had testified falsely. He have been attempting to establish if Bentley was in NYC on both 10/3/52 and 12/4/52. NY teletype 2/25/55 shows records of Prince George Hotel reflect Bentley was registered there on both 10/3 and 12/4/52. NY is also trying to locate former roommate of Matsusof, Llewellyn Watts, whom Matsusof alleges was at restaurant where dinner 10/3/52 was held. Newark teletype of 2/22/55 reflects James Shean of Great Notch, N.J., advised Matsusof was in NYC on 10/3/52 as Matsusof on that day attempted to date Shean's wife. Shean and wife saw Matsusof off on a plane the following morning.

ACTION: In line with the above, a teletype is attached to Newark and New York, instructing that James Shean and his wife be interviewed for details on Matsusof's contact with Mrs. Shean on 10/3/52. NY is instructed to expedite efforts to locate Llewellyn Watts and location of restaurant where Matsusof alleges dinner held.

Attachment

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CC: 134-405 (Bentley)

Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Brannigan

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : Mr. C. E. Hennrich

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: February 24, 1955

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Mohr ✓  
Parsons ✓  
Rosen ✓  
Tamm ✓  
Trotter ✓  
Winegar ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Holloman ✓  
Gandy ✓

I called SAC Chiles in New Orleans at 8:10 PM, today. I advised him of Bentley's call to the Bureau. Chiles said that Bentley had been in touch with the New Orleans Office and that a teletype has been prepared for the Bureau concerning this contact. She told the New Orleans Office that she was worried about the October 3, 1952, date when she was alleged to have had dinner with Matusow. I told Chiles to have the Agent who regularly contacts Bentley contact her again and advise her that she was being contacted on instructions from the Bureau to find out whether she has any additional problems and to assure her that her inquiries have been forwarded to Washington. I told Chiles that he should quiet Bentley down but that he should not promise her that we will determine where she was on October 3, 1952.

I called Supervisor Tom Spencer in New York, who has handled interviews with Bentley in the past, and instructed that the New York files be checked to see whether they reflect where Bentley was on October 3, 1952. I also instructed that the files be checked to determine whether they reflect where Bentley was around December 4, 1952, which is the date indicated by a third party present as a date when Bentley and Matusow had a luncheon with her. Spencer stated that the New York Office was already checking into this and that the Bureau will be promptly advised. Spencer also advised that upon arriving at his residence, he had found a call from Bentley to him and that he had returned the call but it had not been completed. I told him that he should make no promises to Bentley but that he should calm her down and find out just what her problems are and that he should thereupon advise the Bureau by teletype.

## ACTION:

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We will follow this matter with New York in order to resolve the question of the date when Bentley was in New York and could have had dinner with Matusow, if possible.

cc - Mr. Boardman cc - Mr. Holloman  
cc - Mr. Nichols cc - Mr. Hennrich  
cc - Mr. Belmont

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NR	3/3/55	LETTER - HQ TO AAG	2	2	
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NR	3/9/55	REPORT - NY TO HQ	16	16	
NR	3/10/55	LETTER - BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	1	1	
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NR	3/15/55	LETTER HQ TO NY	3	3	

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NR	3/22/55	INTERNAL MEMO	1	1	
NR	5/17/55	LETTER - AAG TO HQ	2	0	REFERRED
138	4/1/55	LETTER - DENVER TO HQ	2	2	
NR	4/11/55	LETTER BELMONT TO BOARDMAN	6	6	
NR	4/21/55	LETTER BELMONT TO BOARDMAN	2	2	
NR	4/21/55	LETTER " " "	8	8	
NR	4/22/55	MEMO - HQ TO TOLSON	1	1	
NR	4/22/55	LETTER - BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	1	1	
NR	4/25/55	LETTER BELMONT TO BOARDMAN	2	2	
139	5/6/55	LETTER - N.O. TO HQ	1	1	

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NR	5/12/55	GOV'T. AGENCY DOCUMENT FROM ANOTHER	4	0	REFERRED
140int	5/20/55	TO TOLSON INTERAAM MEMO NICHOLS	1	1	
140out	5/24/55	LETTER HQ TO AG	1	1	
141	5/26/55	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
142	5/26/55	LETTER HQ TO NH.	3	0	REFERRED
143	5/25/55	LETTER-MOHR TO DIR.	1	1	
144	6/1/55	LETTER HQ TO WFO	2	2	
145	6/3/55	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
NR	6/3/55	LETTER HQ TO ALBANY	3	3	
146	6/4/55	TOLSON LETTER HQ NICHOLS TO	1	1	
147	5/25/55	LETTER-NO TO HQ	2	2	

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149	6/10/55	TELETYPE NY TO HQ W/COPY	2	2	1 dup
150	6/8/55	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
151	6/8/55	LETTER BELMONT TO BOARDMAN	2	2	
152	6/11/55	AIRTEL - N.O. TO HQ	1	1	
153	6/6/55	LETTER BELMONT TO BOARDMAN	7	7	
NR	6/9/55	LETTER HQ TO AAG	5	5	
154	6/9/55	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	2	2	
155	6/14/55	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
NR	6/22/55	LETTER HQ TO AAG	1	1	
156	6/24/55	LETTER BELMONT TO BOARD- MAN	2	2	
157	6/23/55	LETTER NH TO HQ - W/COPY	6	6	3 dup

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158	6/24/55	LETTER WFO TO HQ	2	2	
158	6/28/55	LETTER HQ TO WFO	1	1	
159	6/27/55	TELETYPE-NH TO HQ W/COPY	2	2	1 dup
159	6/28/55	LETTER-HQ TO AG	1	1	
160	7/6/55	LETTER-WFO TO HQ	1	1	
161	7/27/55	LETTER-NICHOLS TO TOLSON	2	2	
162	7/2/55	TELETYPE-N.H. TO HQ W/COPY	2	2	1 dup
162	7/6/55	LETTER-HQ TO AG	2	2	
163	6/24/55	LETTER-N.H. TO HQ	4	4	
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<u>167</u>	<u>7/14/55</u>	<u>LETTER - HQ TO AG</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<u>168</u>	<u>7/9/55</u>	<u>LETTER - N.H. TO HQ</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<u>168</u>	<u>7/14/55</u>	<u>LETTER - HQ TO N.H.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<u>169</u>	<u>6/27/55</u>	<u>LETTER - N.H. TO HQ</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
<u>170</u>	<u>6/28/55</u>	<u>LETTER - BELMONT TO BOARD-<sup>MAN</sup></u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
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<u>171</u>	<u>7/18/55</u>	<u>LETTER HQ TO 3rd. PARTY</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<u>NR</u>	<u>7/13/55</u>	<u>LETTER NH TO HQ</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
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NR	7/26/55	LETTER-MARTIN TO BELMONT	1	1	
173	7/28/55	LETTER-NY TO HQ	3	3	
174	7/28/55	LETTER-L.A. TO HQ	2	2	
175	8/5/55	LETTER-BELMONT TO BOARDMAN	2	2	
176	8/4/55	w/COPY TELETYPE-N.H. TO HQ	4	4	2 dup
176	8/8/55	w/COPY showing date 8/4/55 TELETYPE-HQ TO NH	2	2	1 dup
177	7/30/55	LETTER-N.H. TO HQ	2	2	
178	8/8/55	LETTER-NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
179	8/10/55	w/COPY TELETYPE-N.H. TO HQ	4	4	2 dup
179	8/11/55	LETTER-HQ TO AG	2	2	
NR	8/1/55	FORM FD-192 (Bulky Exhibit)	1	1	



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181	8/11/55	LETTER - BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	2	2	
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186	9/1/55	LETTER-NICHOLS TO TOLSON	2	2	
187	9/2/55	RADIOGRAM FM NH	1	1	
188	9/3/55	LETTER-NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
189	9/6/55	AIRTEL-N.H. TO HQ	1	1	
190	9/2/55	LETTER-NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
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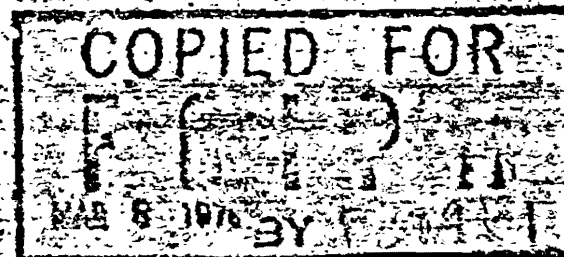
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## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. Tolson

DATE: 2/24/55

FROM :

L. B. Nichols

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By reference from the Director's Office at 7:21 p. m., tonight, Miss Elizabeth Bentley advised Mr. McGuire that she was calling from Louisiana and in view of the accusations made against her by Matusow that she felt that the heavy artillery was now being trained on her and that she frankly needed help.

She stated that she was accused by Matusow of having dinner with him on 10/3/52, and that for the life of her she could not recall where she was on that date and wondered if we could be of some assistance in advising her of any matter recorded in the Bureau which might establish her whereabouts on that date. She insisted on wanting to talk to me or to the Director personally. She called my home and found that I was not in. She pressed to find out where the Director was at the moment so that she could talk to him personally.

She was assured that her request would be passed on to the Director and to me by Mr. McGuire as soon as possible and if there was anything which we could do or be of assistance we would be glad to let her know. No promises were made to her that we would make a check as to her whereabouts on 10/3/52, but merely that her request for this information would be passed on to the Director.

It is recommended that in the event this information is readily available in the Domestic Intelligence Division consideration be given as to whether we should inform Miss Bentley of any record that we have which would indicate her whereabouts on that date.

cc - Mr. Holloman  
 Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Belmont

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Assistant Attorney General (origl & 1)  
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March 4, 1955  
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Director, FBI

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY (134-435)  
SECURITY INFORMANT

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ON 2/24/78

In my memorandum of March 1, 1955, captioned "Unknown Subjects; Harvey Matusow, Subornation of Perjury; Perjury; Obstruction of Justice," which was in answer to your memorandum of February 28, 1955, I set forth data concerning Elizabeth T. Bentley and facts which might have a bearing on your decision to use her as a witness in the Clinton E. Jencks case at El Paso. The following information is being furnished to you for your additional consideration:

During contacts with our agents in 1952, Elizabeth T. Bentley on occasions was depressed and emotionally upset. In September, 1952, in a meeting with two agents, she cried and claimed she was being mistreated by the State of Connecticut. She later became argumentative and demanding of the agents, claiming her financial and other problems should be taken care of by the FBI. During 1952 it appeared she was drinking heavily.

In addition to the foregoing, Miss Bentley advised on May 7, 1952, that she had been beaten by her handy man, John Burghardt Wright, on April 30, 1952, while in her automobile between New Haven and Madison, Connecticut. The fact that she had been beaten was substantiated by her New York doctor who had examined her. Thereafter, Mr. Myles Lane, then United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, issued a grand jury subpoena for the appearance of Wright and warned him of the possible results of interfering with a Government witness. Wright claimed Bentley had been drunk and hit him with her gloves, whereupon he struck her.

You might also desire to review my memorandum to Mr. Olney, dated April 19, 1954, and my memorandum to the Attorney General, dated May 19, 1954, both captioned "Elizabeth T. Bentley, Security Matter." These two memoranda deal with Bentley's unwillingness to respond to a subpoena in the Western District of Louisiana in connection with the Buil

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suit which was filed by William Henry Taylor against the "Washington Daily News." He noted in the memorandum to the Attorney General that Bentley, while in contact with our New Orleans office, made allegations that she felt the libel suit was a Communist plot against her. She demanded that she be given protection by the Department of Justice and the FBI and made allegations to the effect that "the long political machine of Louisiana" was intimidating and threatening her. She could provide no specific instances of intimidation or threats against her personal safety.

While the above are facts which I feel you should have, at the same time we have found no information from Bentley to be false and in a number of instances we have been able to substantiate data she furnished through reliable independent sources. It has been our experience that for the most part Miss Bentley has an excellent memory for details involving past espionage activities in which she and others were involved.

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Reference is made to my memoranda to the Attorney General, dated February 24 and February 25, 1955, a copy of each of which was made available to you. Reference is also made to your memorandum of February 28, 1955, in which you indicated that Elizabeth Bentley would be a possible valuable witness in the Clinton E. Jencks case at El Paso.

You will recall that according to newspaper accounts Harvey Matusow on February 21 and February 22, 1955, testified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and made allegations that Bentley had given false testimony. He indicated he learned this at a dinner with her on his birthday on October 3, 1952. He said this dinner took place in a New York City restaurant and he recalled that a former roommate, Llewellyn Watts, had been present during part of his discussion with Bentley. He said that during the dinner Bentley cried and told him she had to find information about which to testify in order to live.

As we previously informed you, Bentley does not recall this dinner. Llewellyn Watts was interviewed on March 1, 1955. He recalls that one day during the Fall of 1952, Matusow told him he had met Elizabeth Bentley and had a date for that evening with her for cocktails and dinner. Watts states he does not know the exact date of this dinner, but in the evening Matusow and Bentley met at the Reichman Restaurant, 78 West 11th Street, New York City. Watts recalls Bentley and Matusow arrived at the restaurant at approximately 9:00 p.m. and stayed in the restaurant for approximately one to two hours. He does not recall that they had dinner at the restaurant. He states the restaurant has two entrances and Matusow and Bentley entered through the bar and took a small

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table in the bar section of the restaurant. Watts states that directly after Matusow and Bentley entered, Matusow beckoned for Watts to join them, which he did. He states he had an acquaintance with him but he cannot recall her name.

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Watts remained at the table with Matusow and Bentley for the rest of the time they were in the restaurant. Watts states that at no time during the evening did Miss Bentley show any evidence of tears or depression. There was no discussion of false testimony by Bentley which Watts recalls. He does recall that he and Miss Bentley had a discussion about the uncommon names of midwest towns. He recalls that Miss Bentley was either working in or had come from the Midwest. He recalls one town in particular which they discussed was Diagonal, Iowa. Watts recalls the only person who came to the table during the evening was a friend of his, Earl Henry, who was also acquainted with Matusow. Watts states he does not recall all the conversation which took place during the evening, but he does remember he and Henry attempted to get Miss Bentley to discuss her Communist Party activities; however, they had a difficult time because Matusow was continuously interrupting to tell about his Party activities. Watts states Bentley impressed him as a charming woman with a good sense of humor. U

It is our intention to reinterview Elizabeth Bentley to determine whether, on the basis of the foregoing facts, she can recall the dinner in question. We are also endeavoring to locate and interview Earl Henry concerning his knowledge of this matter. U

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In my memorandum to you, dated March 2, 1955, I furnished data on the results of an interview with Llewellyn Watts who was present at the Rochambeau Restaurant in New York City with Bentley and Matusow on a date during the Fall of 1952. Watts was accompanied by a girl friend whose name he said he could not recall.

On February 28, 1955, we interviewed Doris Hibbard, who is temporarily residing at 1515 Eleavedo Street, Los Angeles, California. She states she was with Llewellyn Watts at the Rochambeau Restaurant during the Fall of 1952, the exact date she does not recall. She and Watts stopped at a table occupied by Matusow, who was introduced to her by Watts and, in turn, Matusow introduced them to Elizabeth Bentley. After being introduced, Matusow immediately started to criticize Abe Burrows as a Communist. Matusow also said Artie Shaw would be one of the next individuals named as a Communist. He also mentioned other individuals in show business as being tinged by Communism and during this discussion, Elizabeth Bentley would nod her head in agreement and make statements about Communism and individuals, although Doris Hibbard does not recall the exact remarks. Nothing was said during the conversation about either Matusow or Bentley having been a Communist, an informant for the Government, or a Government witness. Doris Hibbard said this was the only time she had seen Elizabeth Bentley.

Doris Hibbard also indicated she went out with Llewellyn Watts a few times subsequent to the afore-mentioned meeting. Later, she became better acquainted with Matusow and on one occasion they had a date and went to the Stork Club where Matusow said he was to meet a senator. However, the latter did not appear. At the Stork Club, Matusow went to the

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table of Faye Emerson and her husband and talked to Faye Emerson. Doris Hibbard does not know whether Matusow actually was acquainted with Faye Emerson or whether she was merely putting up with him. After Matusow divorced his wife sometime in the Summer of 1954, Doris Hibbard had a date with him and went to the Peacock Restaurant in New York City. At this time Matusow spoke about writing a book which he said was to be a complete expose of Senator Joseph McCarthy. Matusow asked her to lend him money until this book was published, but Doris Hibbard refused. Thereafter, she talked to Matusow only about three times on the telephone until about January 7 or 8, 1955, when she went with him to a bar in Greenwich Village. He was still talking of publishing his book. During her association with Matusow he told her he became a Communist in the Army and continued until, as in a revelation, he realized he was harming his country. Hibbard claimed there was no romantic attachment between her and Matusow. She believed he associated with her because she was a good listener. She described him as unstable mentally, an egomaniac, and an intense individual who demands everyone's attention. She recalled on one occasion he told her of a perfect murder plan that he had conceived. His plan was to go from New York City to a particular restaurant which Senator McCarthy frequents and there shoot McCarthy. He thereafter intended to return to New York City and hide out. She said the foregoing was cited as an example of his type of mentality. U

Mr. and Mrs. James Shean, Great Neck, New Jersey, on March 1, 1955, advised that Matusow had contacted Mrs. Shean in New York City for a date one week prior to Matusow's birthday on October 3, 1952. Matusow wanted Mrs. Shean to have dinner and "do the town." Between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. on October 3, 1952, Matusow called again and was told by Mrs. Shean that the date was off. The telephone conversation lasted approximately one-half hour. On the following day, October 4, 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Shean drove Matusow to the Idlewild Airport to catch the 2:00 p.m. flight for Appleton, Wisconsin, where Matusow was to stay with a friend of Senator McCarthy. The Sheans believed this persons's name was Van Susteria (phonetic). The purpose of Matusow's trip was to avoid a subpoena from the attorney for Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. Matusow made no mention of what he had done on the previous evening. U

Mr. and Mrs. Shean expressed a desire to avoid any publicity as an outcome of their association with Matusow and Mr. Shean feels that if his association with Matusow became known, it might affect his ability to secure work.

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RESTAURANT AND THESE PERSONS.

Elizabeth Bentley

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UNSUBS, HARVEY MATUSOW, SUBORNATION OF PERJURY, PERJURY OJ, EARL HENRY, FIFTY SIX W. ELEVENTH ST., NYC, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. HENRY STATES THAT HE MET MATUSOW IN SPRING OF NINETEEN FIFTY TWO AT A POLITICAL RALLY IN NYC. HENRY STATED HE SAW MATUSOW OFF AND ON AFTER THAT TIME BUT ONLY IN A SOCIAL WAY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BOOK, QUOTE FALSE WITNESS END OF QUOTE AND THAT MATUSOW HAD NEVER INDICATED TO HIM THAT HE HAD EVER TESTIFIED FALSELY. HENRY STATED THAT HE RECALLS SEEING MATUSOW AND AN INDIVIDUAL INTRODUCED TO HIM AS ELIZABETH BENTLEY IN THE ROCHAMBEAU RESTAURANT ON ONE OCCASION. HE STATED HE COULD NOT FIX THE DATE, OTHER THAN IT WAS SOME TIME AFTER HE HAD ORIGINALLY MET MATUSOW. HE STATED THAT HE RECALLS THAT ON THIS OCCASION HE WENT TO THE ROCHAMBEAU AT APPROXIMATELY NINE TO NINE THIRTY PM AND UPON ENTERING OBSERVED MATUSOW, LOU WATTS AND AN UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN SEATED AT A TABLE IN THE BAR SECTION OF THE RESTAURANT.

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HENRY STATED THAT HE RECALLS ONLY THREE PEOPLE WERE AT THE TABLE. HE STATED HE WAS INVITED BY EITHER MATUSOW OR WATTS TO JOIN THEM AND HE DID SO. HE RECALLS THAT MATUSOW INTRODUCED HIM TO THE LADY AND GAVE A FICTITIOUS NAME, WHICH HE DOES NOT NOW RECALL. HE STATED THAT MATUSOW, AFTER GIVING THIS FICTITIOUS NAME, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY STATED THAT THE WOMEN WAS ELIZABETH BENTLEY. HENRY STATED THAT MATUSOW APPEARED TO TAKE PLEASURE IN PLAYING THIS JOKE OF INTRODUCING MISS BENTLEY BY A FICTITIOUS NAME. HENRY STATED HE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT ELIZABETH BENTLEY. HENRY STATED THAT HE REMAINED AT THE TABLE FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES TO ONE HALF HOUR, AFTER WHICH HE LEFT THE BAR. HE STATED THAT HE DOES NOT RECALL THAT MISS BENTLEY WAS IN TEARS OR APPEARED TO BE DEPRESSED. HE RECALLS THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO SAY VERY MUCH BECAUSE MATUSOW WAS MONOPOLIZING THE CONVERSATION. HENRY STATED THAT HE RECALLS SEEING MATUSOW ON AN UNKNOWN DATE IN NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR, AT WHICH TIME MATUSOW STATED THAT HE WAS THROUGH WITH COMMUNISM, MC CARTHY AND THE JENNER COMMITTEE, ETC. HENRY STATED THAT MATUSOW DID NOT GIVE ANY REASON FOR THIS ACTION. FURNISHED TO NEW ORLEANS FOR INFO.

NEW ORLEANS ADVISED

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Assistant Attorney General (Orig. & 1)  
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OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

In my memoranda to you of March 2 and March 3, 1955, I set forth data developed from interviews of Llewellyn Watts and Doris Hibbard who were present at the Rochambeau Restaurant, New York City, during the Fall of 1952 when Matusow and Elizabeth T. Bentley were there.

We also have interviewed Earl Henry, an acquaintance of Matusow, who recalls that on one occasion during the Fall of 1952 he went to the Rochambeau Restaurant at approximately 9:00 to 9:30 p.m. He saw there Matusow, Llewellyn Watts and an unidentified woman sitting at a table in the bar section of the restaurant. He was invited to join the group. Matusow introduced Henry to the lady and gave a fictitious name which Henry does not now recall. After giving this name, Matusow almost immediately stated the woman was Elizabeth Bentley. Henry states that Matusow appeared to take pleasure in playing this joke of introducing Miss Bentley by a fictitious name. Henry states he remained at the table for approximately fifteen minutes to one-half hour, after which he left the bar. He does not recall that Miss Bentley was in tears or appeared to be depressed. He recalls she did not have a chance to say very much because Matusow was monopolizing the conversation.

The foregoing is for your information and additional developments in this matter will be made available to you.

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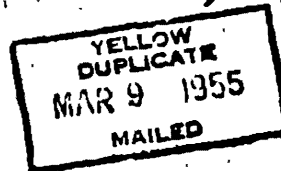
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**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARVEY MATUSOW;  
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We have been conducting extensive investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding a meeting between Bentley and Matusow at a restaurant in New York City on 10/3/52. Matusow claims that Bentley on that occasion of this meeting cried and told him she was broke, out of work, needed a job, had to testify to live, and needed to find information from which to testify. Bentley has denied this allegation and is unable to recall the dinner in question. She does remember a luncheon with Matusow at which Dr. Ruth Matthews was present. Dr. Matthews also recalls the luncheon and states Bentley did not say the things Matusow alleges.

We have located three persons who saw Bentley with Matusow at the Rochambeau Restaurant in NYC during the Fall of 1952. One of these is Llewellyn Fatts who Matusow said was present at the dinner he is speaking about. All three persons interviewed dispute the allegations made by Matusow. Bentley has been reinterviewed concerning the matter and still cannot remember the dinner.

The Director previously instructed that we should exercise care in talking to Bentley concerning this matter in order to avoid any subsequent charges which might be made that we coached her in giving her information. It is believed advisable, however, to show Bentley photographs of the Rochambeau Restaurant and photographs of the persons besides Matusow who were present in the restaurant during the meeting between Matusow and Bentley.

Attachment

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1-Mr. Boardman  
1-Mr. Belmont  
1-Mr. Branigan  
1-Mr. Cough  
1-Mr. Lanphere

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**ACTION:**

There is attached a teletype to the New York and New Orleans offices instructing NY to obtain the desired photographs and to send them to New Orleans in order that they may be exhibited to Bentley. It is noted we have previously instructed both the NY and New Orleans offices in connection with the Director's comments set forth above.

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# CONFIDENTIAL FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARVEY MARSHALL MATUSOW, was: Harvey Marshall, Harvey Matson</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY'S registration cards at Prince George Hotel, New York City, reflecting schedule of her arrivals and departures for year 1952, set out herein. Records indicate BENTLEY was registered at hotel from 9/30/52 until 10/6/52 and again from 12/3/52 until 12/5/52. Dr. J.B. MATTHEWS and wife, RUTH, interviewed and advised MATUSOW and BENTLEY attended luncheon with Mrs. MATTHEWS on 12/4/52 with no one else present. They also advised that BENTLEY and MATUSOW attended a buffet dinner given by them on 11/16/52 with other prominent guests in NYC with no unusual circumstances. LLEWELYN WATTS interviewed and advised that he saw BENTLEY and MATUSOW at the Rochambeau Restaurant located on E. 11th Street and 6th Avenue in NYC during evening some time around October of 1952. He recalls BENTLEY and MATUSOW arrived approximately 9 P.M. and remained one to two hours. EARL HENRY interviewed and recalls seeing MATUSOW and another individual identified to him as ELIZABETH BENTLEY in Rochambeau Restaurant on one occasion in the evening but could not recall the date, advising it was some time after he had met MATUSOW which was in the Spring of 1952. DORIS HIBBARD interviewed and advises she observed BENTLEY and MATUSOW in Rochambeau Restaurant in the evening in the latter part of 1952.

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DETAILS:

Information Re New York Residences  
of ELIZABETH BENTLEY for the year 1952

On February 25, 1955 the registration cards of the Prince George Hotel located at 28th Street and Madison Avenue New York City, were examined by SA JOHN B. MEADE and it was ascertained that there were two old registration cards for ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY. The first card bearing number 23263 signed by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY of Madison, Connecticut, indicated this individual arrived at the hotel on March 6, 1952 at 6 P.M. and departed March 8, 1952, at 4:58 P.M. During this period she occupied room 913. The following schedule of arrivals and departures for Miss BENTLEY was indicated on the back of this card.

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Number of Guests</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Reservations</u>
3-20	3-21	634	5.50	1	JM	000X
4-13	4-15	1229	5.00	1	A	000X
4-19	4-20	1213	5.00	1	P	
4-28	4-28	1113	5.00	1	P	000X
4-29	4-30	1112	5.00	1	JM	000X
5-1	5-2	1115	5.00	1	P	
5-4	5-14	1109	5.00	1	A	X
5-21	5-23	812	4.75	1	JM	00X
6-12	6-13	1106	5.00	1	A	X
5-29	5-30	1111	5.00	1	A	X
6-4	6-5	909	4.75	1	OJR	00

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The second card signed by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY of Madison, Connecticut under registration number 211474 indicates she arrived at the hotel on July 9, 1952, at 8:41 P.M. and departed the hotel on July 10, 1952, at 12:01 P.M. At this time she occupied Room 1107. The following schedule of arrivals and departures by this person was indicated on the back of card number two:

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Number of Guests</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Reservations</u>
9-10	9-11	1207	5.00	1	Ly	OOX
9-21	9-27	604	5.00	1	A	
9-30	10-6	409	5.00	1	JM	OO
10-10	10-12	409	5.00	1	LMC	
11-15	11-17	1217	5.00	1	LMC	
12-3	12-5	607	5.00	1	PJR	OOX
12-8	12-9	515	5.00	1	MC	

The registration cards for the year 1953 were examined by SA JOHN B. MEADE, and no cards were located for Miss BENTLEY during the year 1953.

Mr. V. E. RIVES, Executive Assistant Manager of hotel, who furnished the cards, explained that the hotel's accounting system is such that in the case of a regular customer numerous cards are not maintained each time the customer registers; instead, on the back of a certain number of cards, the numerous arrival and departure dates of regular guests are indicated and the individual registration cards are destroyed. It was explained that all of the dates listed on the back of the above two cards pertain to the year 1952.

On March 1, 1955, Mr. RIVES was again contacted by SA JOHN B. MEADE and he advised that the hotel telephone

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records at the Prince George Hotel are maintained for a period of one year only. He further stated that all the records of phone calls made during 1952 would not be available.

Dr. SAMUEL GROOPMAN who is located at 4 East 28th Street, New York City, was contacted on February 25, 1955 by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER, and he advised that his records reflect that he treated ELIZABETH BENTLEY on September 9, 1952 and again on October 7, 1952.

Interview of Dr. RUTH MATTHEWS  
50 Riverside Drive, New York City  
on February 23, 1955

Dr. RUTH E. MATTHEWS was interviewed by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY and she advised as follows:

She recalled that on December 4, 1952 she had a luncheon date with ELIZABETH BENTLEY and HARVEY MATUSOW at the Hotel Abbey in New York City. She related that she met both people at the hotel in the lobby and during the luncheon, BENTLEY was somewhat upset and unhappy since she did not have a job and was unsuccessful in obtaining one at that time. BENTLEY mentioned during the luncheon that every time she went after a worthwhile job, she would be called on to testify and as a result, her prospective employer would lose interest in her and she would subsequently lose out on the position.

MATTHEWS advised that BENTLEY did not give any specific names of any prospective employers. Mrs. MATTHEWS stated further that BENTLEY never made any statements nor did she indicate at any time that she was not going to continue cooperating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and government officials. She advised that BENTLEY never gave any indication that it was the responsibility of the government to obtain positions for her at this luncheon or any other time in Mrs. MATTHEWS' presence. On the contrary, Mrs. MATTHEWS stated that BENTLEY praised the accomplishments of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the manner in which they developed the facts.



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Mrs. MATTHEWS pointed out that BENTLEY did indicate by her upset attitude, and at one time during the luncheon appeared to cry that the constant appearance of her name in the headlines was beginning to get her down. MATTHEWS said that she attempted to relax BENTLEY by making several jokes. While at the luncheon, according to Mrs. MATTHEWS, BENTLEY did make mention of the fact that she was a little upset at ROY COHN, former Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and former Counsel to Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY'S Sub-committee, since he had not followed through in rendering full assistance to her in preparing or setting out her 1951 Income Tax Return which apparently had been improperly prepared by some tax accountant. BENTLEY stated in the presence of Mrs. MATTHEWS and MATUSOW that COHN was easy to contact and get hold of when he was looking for her to be interviewed relative to testimony, and so forth, but when she wanted to get through to him to ask some personal questions, she met with difficulty. BENTLEY also mentioned at the luncheon that she was appreciative of the work given to her by ALFRED KOHLBERG and that she was, at that time, doing some research work for him. MATTHEWS stated that BENTLEY did imply that she was financially strapped since she made reference to the fact that more than once she was anxious to secure a regular employment in order to meet her financial obligations.

Mrs. MATTHEWS pointed out that at the time of the luncheon, and whenever she was in Miss BENTLEY'S company, the latter never implied or indicated that she had given false testimony to the government.

According to Mrs. MATTHEWS, MATUSOW, if he desired to tell the truth, could only relate the above conversation held at the luncheon, December 4, 1952.

Interview of Dr. J. B. MATTHEWS  
and wife, RUTH on February 28, 1955

Dr. J. B. MATTHEWS and his wife, RUTH, were interviewed on February 28, 1955 by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY and SA CHESTER A. REILLY, and they advised as follows:

They stated an appointment book had been maintained by Mrs. MATTHEWS and reflected a luncheon date was had with HARVEY MATUSOW and ELIZABETH BENTLEY for Thursday, December 4, 1952 at the Hotel Abbey in New York City. RUTH MATTHEWS exhibited the appointment book to the interviewing agents where the names of BENTLEY and MATUSOW appeared in ink and a notation of six dollars. Mrs. MATTHEWS advised that she paid for the luncheon in the amount of six dollars. Mrs. MATTHEWS advised that during the luncheon, and after the luncheon, nobody visited or stopped by the table and she pointed out that all three departed from the hotel lobby with MATUSOW going one way and BENTLEY and herself going in an opposite direction.

BENTLEY never made any remark or mention or gave any indication according to Mrs. MATTHEWS, regarding her testimony; however, she did remark to MATTHEWS that she, BENTLEY, thought MATUSOW was "quite a character". Mrs. MATTHEWS advised that BENTLEY, during their short walk from the hotel, was in an upset condition and commented in an offhand manner "it just doesn't seem worth the struggle and sometimes, I think I should step out in front of a car and settle everything."

Again, Mrs. MATTHEWS explained that the upset condition of ELIZABETH BENTLEY was apparently based on the fact that she had no regular type employment to meet her financial obligations.

Dr. MATTHEWS and his wife advised that BENTLEY and MATUSOW were also invited to a buffet dinner party at their apartment in the London Terrace, 110 West 21st Street, New York City, on November 16, 1952, both people referred to the appointment book, mentioned previously, which refreshed their memory that the dinner party was on that date.

Dr. MATTHEWS advised that the purpose of this prepared dinner was to introduce a visiting Belgian journalist by the name of A. G. SAMOY, who was touring the United States for some Belgian and Holland papers.

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Dr. MATTHEWS advised that the guests were given short notices, being invited by phone on the afternoon of November 16, 1952.

According to the MATTHEWS, the following people were in attendance:

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE SOKOLSKY, Prominent journalist associated with Kings Features Syndicate; Secretary HELEN PATT;

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN HILL of Bell and Knowlton Relations Firm, New York City;

Mr. and Mrs. BEN LEVITES, 410 West 24th Street, New York City; LEO MC CAREY, Hollywood Producer;

BENTLEY and MATUSOW

The MATTHEWS advised that to the best of their knowledge, the above-named people were the only ones in attendance. Both the MATTHEWS advised that practically, all the conversation was ~~centered~~ around the Belgian Journalist, SAMOY, who was asked questions about American Politics.

Dr. MATTHEWS advised that GEORGE SOKOLSKY and himself answered most of the questions of SAMOY. He explained that the people were seated about the room more or less resembling an audience to the political discussion.

Both the MATTHEWS were of the opinion that as a result of their recollection and because of the type of discussion and the way of seating of the people, BENTLEY and MATUSOW had little or no time to hold a quiet conversation of their own. Both MATTHEWS advised it was their opinion that the people mentioned above would not be in a position to furnish any additional details regarding any quiet conversation of MATUSOW and BENTLEY since they were sure none took place while BENTLEY and MATUSOW were visiting in their apartment on that date. The MATTHEWS concluded that this was the only supper party at which both MATUSOW and BENTLEY were in attendance, explaining however, that each had visited their apartment separately on various other occasions.



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Interview of LLEWELYN WATTS on  
March 1, 1955

LLEWELYN WATTS was interviewed by SA THOMAS A. POWERS and he advised as follows:

WATTS stated that he recalls one day in the early fall of 1952, MATUSOW told him that he had met ELIZABETH BENTLEY on that day and had a date that evening with her for cocktails and dinner. WATTS stated that he could not recall the day but believes it was on a Friday and could have possibly been around October 2, 1952. WATTS explained that later that evening MATUSOW and ELIZABETH BENTLEY appeared at the Rochambeau Restaurant which is located on 11th Street and Sixth Avenue, New York City, at approximately nine o'clock P.M. and stayed in the restaurant for approximately one to two hours. WATTS does not recall that BENTLEY or MATUSOW had dinner at the restaurant. He related that the restaurant has two entrances and that MATUSOW and BENTLEY had entered through the bar entrance and had taken a small table in the bar section of the restaurant. WATTS advised that shortly after MATUSOW and BENTLEY entered, MATUSOW beckoned for WATTS to join them, which he did, explaining that he, WATTS, at that time, had a female acquaintance with him, but could not recall her name. WATTS stated that he remained at their table with MATUSOW and BENTLEY for the remainder of the time that they were in the restaurant. He explained that he does not recall that MATUSOW introduced him to Miss BENTLEY, but that he introduced himself to Miss BENTLEY explaining that he recognized her from pictures in the newspapers. He indicated that there is no question in his mind that the individual with MATUSOW on that occasion was ELIZABETH BENTLEY. He advised that at no time during the evening, did Miss BENTLEY manifest any evidence of tears or signs of depression. He stated that there was no discussion whatsoever of false testimony by Miss BENTLEY but does recall that he and Miss BENTLEY had a discussion about the uncommon names of certain Mid-western towns. He explained that he had the impression that Miss BENTLEY was either working in or had come from the Midwest and he recalls that one town in particular, was discussed by them, namely: "Diagonal, Iowa".

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WATTS volunteered the information that to the best of his knowledge, only one other person came to the table that evening, and he was a friend of WATTS by the name of EARL HENRY, who was also an acquaintance of MATUSOW. WATTS stated that he does not recall all the conversation which took place during the evening, but does remember that he and HENRY attempted to get Miss BENTLEY to discuss her Communist Party activities, but that they had a difficult time, inasmuch as MATUSOW was continually interrupting them to tell them about his own experiences. WATTS concluded by saying that Miss BENTLEY impressed him as a charming woman with a good sense of humor.

Interview of EARL HENRY of 56  
West 11th Street, New York City  
on March 2, 1955.

EARL HENRY was interviewed by SA THOMAS A. POWERS and advised as follows:

He stated that he met HARVEY MATUSOW in the Spring of 1952 at a political rally in New York City, the nature of which he could not recall. He explained that he saw MATUSOW off and on after that time, but only in a social way. He advised that he had no information concerning the book "False Witness" and that MATUSOW had never indicated to him that he had ever testified falsely. HENRY explained that he recalls seeing MATUSOW and an individual introduced to him as ELIZABETH BENTLEY in the Rochambeau Restaurant, located on 11th Street and 6th Avenue in New York City, on one occasion. HENRY was unable to fix the date other than to say it was some time after he had originally met MATUSOW. He pointed out that he recalls on this occasion, visiting the Rochambeau Restaurant at approximately 9:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. in the evening and as he entered, he observed MATUSOW, LOU WATTS, heretofore identified as LLEWELYN WATTS, and an unidentified woman all seated at a table in the bar section of the restaurant. HENRY stated that he recalls only three people were at the table. He stated that he was invited by either MATUSOW or WATTS to join them which he did and he recalls that MATUSOW introduced him to a lady and gave a fictitious name, which he does not now recall. He advised that

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MATUSOW after giving this fictitious name, almost immediately stated that the woman's name was ELIAZABETH BENTLEY. HENRY stated that MATUSOW appeared to take pleasure in playing this joke of introducing Miss BENTLEY by a fictitious name but explained that he had no reason to believe this individual was not ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

HENRY recalled that he remained at the table for approximately fifteen minutes to one half hour after which time he left the bar. He explained that he does not now recall that Miss BENTLEY was in tears or that she appeared to be depressed. He stated that she did not have a chance to say much during the evening because MATUSOW was monopolizing the conversation.

HENRY concluded by advising that he recalls seeing MATUSOW on an unknown date during the year 1954 at which time MATUSOW stated that he was through with Communism, Mc CARTHY and the Jenner Committee, at which time MATUSOW did not give any reason for his action.

Investigation conducted at Los Angeles, California

Interview with DORIS HIBBARD, 2/28/55  
Temporarily residing at 1515  
Elevado Street, Los Angeles

DORIS HIBBARD was interviewed by Special Agents EDMOND F. BRICK and JAMES G. KARIS and advised as follows:

HIBBARD stated that she was introduced to HARVEY MATUSOW through LOU WATTS who was, at the time, MATUSOW'S roommate. HIBBARD could only state that the time of this meeting was some time during the latter part of 1952, the weather she recalls then being very cold. She stated that on the occasion of meeting LOU WATTS, who was a blind date, they visited the Rochambeau Restaurant located at Eleventh Street and Sixth Avenue in New York City, where they subsequently had dinner. According to HIBBARD, WATTS

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and HIBBARD stopped at MATUSOW'S table, where WATTS introduced HIBBARD to MATUSOW. MATUSOW then introduced ELIZABETH BENTLEY, who was with him at the table. MATUSOW then immediately started to malign ABE BURROWS, prominent Television entertainer as a Communist.

HIBBARD explained that BENTLEY was at the time appearing before the House Committee on Un-American activities and that she knew him through her Television associations. She stated that she liked him and therefore mildly resented MATUSOW'S insinuations about BURROWS. HIBBARD explained that MATUSOW stated that ARTIE SHAW would be one of the next individuals named as a Communist and that he then mentioned other individuals in show business as being tinged by Communism and said that practically everybody in show business was so tinged.

HIBBARD stated that ELIZABETH BENTLEY would nod her head in agreement with MATUSOW and would also make statements about Communism, and at intervals, although HIBBARD could not recall the remarks, it was her understanding from the conversation that BENTLEY was living in Connecticut at that time and was a writer. She explained that she got the impression that BENTLEY made a special trip to New York City to visit MATUSOW. She explained that she did not know if MATUSOW was BENTLEY'S boyfriend, but was given the impression from this meeting that this may have been true. She stated that this meeting was the only time that she had ever seen ELIZABETH BENTLEY, and that during this occasion, nothing was said about either MATUSOW or BENTLEY ever having been Communists, informers or government witnesses. She stated that she went out with LOU WATTS on a few occasions thereafter and on one occasion, was with him in the apartment then occupied by WATTS and MATUSOW, the latter not being present. She stated WATTS then showed her MATUSOW'S newspaper clippings from New York papers relative to his being an informer.

According to HIBBARD, WATTS stated that he was of the opinion that MATUSOW was being paid by Congressional Committees to work for them. HIBBARD related that WATTS, through his



association with MATUSOW, had become a valid anti-Communist and she indicated that he was employed by his father in the butter and egg business in New York City. She stated that after she first became acquainted with MATUSOW, she had several subsequent meetings with him, chiefly arising from his dropping over to the Television studio where she was employed, usually after a studio production had been completed. She stated they would have either coffee or something at a bar and on one occasion, they had a date where they visited the Stork Club because MATUSOW had stated he had an appointment with a senator.

Miss HIBBARD could not recall the name of the senator but does remember that no senator appeared on that occasion.

While at the Stork Club, according to Miss HIBBARD, MATUSOW visited the table of FAY EMERSON and her husband, prominent Television and Movie personality, at which time he began a discussion with FAY EMERSON. She could not determine during the course of his visit with FAY EMERSON, whether or not MATUSOW and EMERSON were actually acquainted or whether FAY EMERSON was merely putting up with him. She does recall that she was of the belief that MATUSOW married Mrs. BENTLEY the former wife of a Michigan Congressman and for about 10 months, lived in Washington, D.C. She was unable to furnish any information as to whether MATUSOW worked in Washington D.C. but believed he was separated from his wife. She stated that MATUSOW, to the best of her knowledge, became divorced and returned to New York City, residing in a duplex apartment on East 79th Street, New York City, which he rented at approximately two hundred dollars a month.

Miss HIBBARD explained that some time in the summer of 1954, she had a date with MATUSOW and went to the Peacock Cafe on 56th Street, Seventh Avenue, New York City, at which time MATUSOW spoke about a book that he was writing which he said was going to be complete exposure of Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY. MATUSOW said that the publisher, whom he did not identify, was advancing him some money. On this occasion,

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according to Miss HIBBARD, MATUSOW requested a loan from her until the book was published. She stated that she refused and therefore, only talked to MATUSOW approximately three times on the telephone until approximately January 7, 1955 or January 8, 1955, when she visited a Greenwich Village bar in the company of MATUSOW. She related that during this last meeting, MATUSOW continued to talk about publishing his book. She stated that he had grown a beard and said that he was going to become a Mormon and was thinking of bicycling to Salt Lake City in the summer. She recalls that during her association with MATUSOW, he had told her that he had become a Communist in the Army, and had continued as such until he, as in a revelation, realized he was harming his country. She believes him to be very Anti-Communist, although in many of his beliefs and opinions, he is constantly changing his mind. She stated that as an example, he originally praised Senator MC CARTHY and subsequently violently denied him. She stated that MATUSOW never said how he supported himself, other than saying he wrote television scripts.

Miss HIBBARD stated that MATUSOW, never at any time, told her that he had worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation or that he was an F.B.I. informer. She said that MATUSOW never told her that he had been a government witness; that he worked for any Congressional Committee; or indicated in any manner how he obtained money for his living expenses. She said that he never talked about ELIZABETH BENTLEY being an informer or witness nor did he ever discuss BENTLEY'S testimony or his relationship with her. She does recall that MATUSOW said at one time that he was campaigning in Wisconsin and Montana, but that he never went into detail.

According to Miss HIBBARD, MATUSOW on one occasion returned from Texas but said nothing about why he was there other than to indicate that he was on a dude ranch and enjoyed outdoor life. She stated there never was any romantic attachment between her and MATUSOW and that she was of the opinion that he associated with her because she was a good listener. She described him as a person who is unstable mentally; an ego maniac; an intense individual who demanded everybody's attention and believes that MATUSOW is glorying in being in the spotlight currently and will make it last as long as possible.

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Miss HIBBARD could recall no outright act of dishonesty by MATUSOW except in an instance where he wanted her to improperly write a letter for him on the stationery of "What's My Line" program stating that he had been accepted for an appearance on that program. She volunteered the information that she refused to do this and believed he wanted to use the letter to barge his way into an appearance on the program. As a further example of MATUSOW'S mental thinking, HIBBARD explained MATUSOW once told her of an apparent murder plan that he had conceived. She stated the plan was for MATUSOW to go from New York City to a particular restaurant which Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY frequents and shoot MC CARTHY. Thereafter MATUSOW would return to New York City and hide out. She said she did not have much knowledge of MATUSOW'S associations outside of knowing LOU WATTS.

Miss HIBBARD furnished no other information.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The Bureau's attention is directed to New York letters to the Bureau, 9/4/52 and 9/26/52 captioned "GREGORY; ESPIONAGE - R" which sets forth contacts and circumstances relating to the nervous and confused state of mind of ELIZABETH BENTLEY during the year 1952 and also to New York letter dated 1/16/53 captioned "ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY; ESPIONAGE - R" advising the Bureau of marked improvement in her mental condition.

LEADS

DALLAS (INFORMATION)

DENVER (INFORMATION)

EL PASO (INFORMATION)

Three copies of this report are being furnished to the Dallas, Denver, and El Paso offices for their information inasmuch as they have a collateral interest in this investigation.

LOS ANGELES (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished the Los Angeles Office for their information inasmuch as they have conducted investigation in this specific matter.

NEW ORLEANS

At Grand Coteau, Louisiana

Will reinterview ELIZABETH BENTLEY if not already done at the College of the Sacred Heart for any information concerning the dinner had with MATUSOW at the Rochambeau Restaurant located on 11th Street and 6th Avenue, New York City, some time around the period, October 3, 1952.



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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the activities  
of HARVEY MATUSOW.

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Bureau air-tel 2/26/55.

A. H. Belmont

March 10, 1955

V. A. Branigan

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARVEY MATSUON  
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ASAC Don Moore of the NY office called me this afternoon and made reference to the Bureau's teletype of 9/8/55 which instructed the NYO to obtain and forward airmail to the New Orleans office photographs of the exterior of the Bechambeau Restaurant and the interior of the bar section. It also instructed that photographs of Llewellyn Fatts, Doris Hibbard and Earl Henry be obtained. These photographs are to be exhibited to Bentley in order to determine if she can recall the restaurant and these persons who met her with Matsuo on a date during the Fall of 1952 at the restaurant.

ASAC Moore said there is no problem with respect to obtaining the photographs of the restaurant and Doris Hibbard. He said with respect to obtaining photographs of Fatts and Henry he felt the easiest way of handling the matter would be to contact these persons, who previously have been interviewed, and obtain the photographs from them. I told ASAC Moore that this would be satisfactory.

ACTION: The foregoing is for your information.

cc: 194-495 (Chastlen)  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Branigan  
Mr. Cough  
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Ticklers: Mr. Lamphere

Director, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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Reurmemo 2/18/55 concerning the above person. You should henceforth carry her as a confidential source rather than as a security informant. The value of Bentley as a potential witness for the Government and as a source of information in security matters is such that you should maintain close contact with her. You should endeavor to keep aware of various problems which she encounters and if she is showing signs of emotional stress, the facts should be brought to the Bureau's attention.

The agent who handles Bentley should, insofar as is possible, have a complete knowledge of the data which Bentley has provided to the Government. He should, for example, have read Bentley's book "Out of Bondage" and if the files of the New Orleans office do not contain sufficient data on the information Bentley has supplied in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case, the New York and Washington Field offices should be requested to supply pertinent serials for the information of the New Orleans office. One serial which definitely should be in the possession of the New Orleans office is the signed statement of Bentley, dated 11/30/45. This is contained in the report of SA Thomas G. Spencer, dated 12/5/45 at New York, in the case entitled "Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was., et al, Espionage - R."

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Elizabeth T. Bentley

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARVEY MATUSOW  
SUBORNEATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

There are attached hereto for each of the offices receiving this memorandum two copies of the testimony of Harvey Matusow before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, on 2/21 and 2/22/55, relative to his allegations concerning Elizabeth Bentley. The following is a brief summary of the facts developed to date concerning these allegations made by Matusow:

Matusow, in his appearance before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on 2/22/55 testified that on his birthday, October 3, 1952, he and Bentley met for dinner at the Rochambeau Restaurant in New York City. He testified that Bentley, in effect, told him she had lied. He claimed she was depressed and crying and said she had "to find information to testify about" in order to live. Matusow claimed a number of his friends saw him with Bentley on the evening in question and he identified one as Llewellyn Fatts, a former roommate.

Bentley has been interviewed several times concerning this matter and cannot recall the dinner in question. She does recall attending a luncheon with Matusow and Dr. Ruth Matthews during the Fall of 1952. Bentley does deny ever having told Matusow she had to testify to live and had to get more information. Dr. Ruth Matthews recalls the luncheon in detail and states her appointment book shows it was on December 4, 1952. She categorically states Bentley did not make the statements attributed to her by Matusow. Dr. Matthews does state Bentley was somewhat depressed and appeared to cry on one occasion during the luncheon.

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Three persons have been located who recall meeting Bentley and Matusew at the Rochambeau Restaurant in New York City on a date in the Fall of 1952. These persons are Ellenallyn Watts (named by Matusew as being there), Doris Hibbard and Earl Henry. Watts and Hibbard were with Bentley and Matusew substantially the entire period while the latter were in the Rochambeau Restaurant. Both Watts and Hibbard state they did not hear Bentley make the statements attributed to her by Matusew. Earl Henry was also at the table with the others for a short time and he claims he did not hear any statements made by Bentley as claimed by Matusew. Both Watts and Henry have stated Bentley was not seemingly depressed and showed no indication of crying.

To analyze the foregoing, it would appear possible that Matusew, in speaking of Bentley having cried, has confused in his mind the luncheon on December 4, 1952, and the dinner at the Rochambeau Restaurant which he states occurred on October 3, 1952. Regardless of which occasion he is actually talking about, we have potential witnesses to refute his main allegation which is that Bentley indicated she had lied in testimony.

The attention of all offices is directed to the fact that Watts, Hibbard and Henry were at one time friendly with Matusew and, if it has not been done previously, you should attempt to secure signed statements from these persons as potential witnesses in this matter. A signed statement also should be secured from Dr. Ruth Matthews.

The New York office should carefully review all of the investigation conducted concerning the Bentley phase of this matter and endeavor to secure further evidence. For example, you should contact the publishing firm of Levin-Adair, which Matusew mentioned in his testimony of February 22, 1955, and determine if they have any record of Bentley and Matusew being in their offices on October 3, 1952.

You should also review the information furnished by Mr. and Mrs. James Shean, Great Neck, New Jersey, who claim Matusew tried to secure a date with Mrs. Shean on October 3, 1952, and called Mrs. Shean between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. on October 3, 1952, at which time Mrs. Shean told him the date was off. This is hardly consistent with the story told by Matusew that he made a date with Bentley during the afternoon of October 3, 1952. Mr. and Mrs. Shean also state they drove Matusew to the Idlewild Airport to catch the 2:00 p.m. flight for Appleton, Wisconsin, on October 4, 1952. You should endeavor to establish independently whether Matusew did leave for Appleton, Wisconsin, on October 4, 1952.

The importance of this entire matter is, of course, readily apparent to you. Matusew's allegations are a serious attack on the Government's whole security program. In attacking Elizabeth Bentley, Matusew appears to have selected a person whose reliability has never seriously been challenged. It is, therefore, of vital importance that this entire matter receive the most thorough investigative attention possible and that all leads are carried out promptly and thoroughly.

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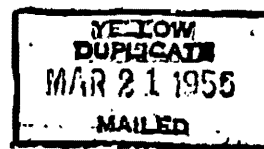
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**ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY**  
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ReBureau March 11, 1955. There is no need to conceal the identity of Bentley as a confidential source in writing reports.

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Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Bentley, referred to in No Number SAC, Letter dated 5-4-50, SAC Letters 54-1 and 54-28, has now returned to the College of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, Louisiana. Request for interviews with her should be directed to the New Orleans office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/1/55

FROM : SAC, DENVER

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
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Enclosed herewith is a reprint from the Colorado Springs Colorado "Gazette-Telegraph," dated March 23, 1955, captioned, "BENTLEY AND MATUSOW," by ROBERT LEFEVRE.

This article, among other things, states that ELIZABETH BENTLEY will speak in Colorado Springs on the night of Wednesday, April 13, 1955, at 8:15 P.M., at the Colorado Springs High School Auditorium.

On March 21, 1955, THEODORE FISHER, 715 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, (Telephone Melrose 3-2449) appeared at the Colorado Springs Resident Agency and informed SA HAROLD C. COOK of the personal appearance of ELIZABETH BENTLEY as indicated. He said that he, Mr. ROBERT DONNER, Mrs. JULIE PENROSE, and Mr. FRANK CUSACK, all of whom are wealthy and prominent persons in the Colorado Springs area, are backing this appearance. He stated the three aforementioned individuals have assumed the financial responsibility for the appearance of Miss BENTLEY in the event the crowd is small and receipts insufficient to pay expenses.

Mr. FISHER requested that Bureau Agents participate in the meeting as bodyguards of Miss BENTLEY. He was informed we could not perform this service and was referred to the Chief of Police at Colorado Springs.

No action is anticipated by the Denver Office in so far as coverage of this appearance is concerned UACB.

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BENTLEY AND MATUSOW

By: Robert LeFevre

Word has come that a brave and gracious lady is to visit us in Colorado Springs. Her name is Elizabeth Terrill Bentley. She has been, perhaps, the most useful individual in this country in helping the FBI and other law enforcement agencies in uncovering the shocking record of communist infiltration.

Miss Bentley will speak at the Colorado Springs High School Auditorium on the night of Wednesday, April 13th. She will hold forth from a wealth of experience torn from her heart by a staggering set of circumstances through which only the valiant could have lived.

Miss Bentley joined the American Communist Party in 1935 and placed herself under party discipline. For more than seven years she functioned as a courier agent in the Red underground, thus getting to know a great many of the actual men and women who were busily engaged in sapping the strength of the United States. In 1945, after a series of the most hair-raising adventures she went to the FBI and told them her story. Since then she has been cooperating with that agency and others who have been fighting to do away with Red subversion in America.

Here is an heroic saga. For even yet, in the dead of night, the phone will ring and at the other end of the line Miss Bentley will hear the sound of heavy breathing ... that is all. She has been subjected to the most grueling type of cruelty, and is, of course, subject to constant suspicion.

Miss Bentley's character is now shown in even sharper contrast since the self-styled liar, Harvey Matusow, has reverted to type. Matusow, it will be remembered, is the Communist who broke with the Communists for what he considered would be greater prestige and money, and then when it was not forthcoming in the amounts to which he thought he was entitled, he reverted to his former loyalty thereby endeavoring to discredit every sincere one-time party member who has seen the error of his ways.

The secret workings of a man's soul are, of course, a matter which only that man can reveal. We, the public, can only judge a man on the basis of his words and his actions. Like the tortured Whittaker Chambers, who bared his deepest emotions and mental convictions with nearly whip-lash brutality in his book "I Was the Witness." And the kindly, gentle Louis Budenz, who at one time published the Daily Worker for the party, and now is doing a scholarly job of instructing students in the wiles and stratagems of Communist Party logorhythms.

Let us now compare Bentley and Matusow. Both of them were Communists. Both of them said they broke with the party. In this, Miss Bentley was sincere as her actions and words for ten years bear testimony.

Matusow's actions and words, right from the beginning of his alleged break, were suspected. The FBI found out that he was not to be trusted and stopped using him in short order.

Matusow had apparently fallen for his comrades' own propaganda. The Daily Worker some time ago branded all those who broke with the party as doing so for money and prestige. This Red juggernaut charged that men like Budenz and Chambers were growing wealthy, that all that was needed was for a Communist to stop being a Communist and he could make a good living attacking Communists.

Matusow apparently believed this hokey, and began to testify against others of minor stripe within the party. But he didn't get wealthy. No former Communist gets wealthy. The government pays traveling expenses and per diem when a witness is asked to testify. But that is all. And those who have to support themselves on the lecture platform, find that this is a precarious and impecunious way to make a living. Disillusioned, Matusow decided that he would be the first double double dealer in the current picture.

He figured, and correctly, that the party would welcome him back if he could discredit virtually every other witness. After all, the Reds don't care what kind of willful party member performs so long as the party is supported. So Matusow is back with his own. He will be best remembered in a single word ... liar.

But Miss Bentley is a player in the same tragedy, and will be remembered by another word ... sincerity.

Colorado Springs should give a real welcome to the lady.

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Elizabeth Bentley will speak in Colorado Springs on the night of Wednesday, April 13, 8:15 p.m. at the Colorado Springs High School Auditorium. She is sponsored by an informal group of local citizens. This will be Miss Bentley's only Colorado address. Her talk will deal with her experiences as an agent of the Soviet-American underground, and her subsequent collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

TICKETS: Main floor, 13 rows, \$1.25; 13 rows, .85¢ (taxes included); Balcony: unreserved, .40¢ held for school, college and military enlisted personnel. Mail Orders to: Theodore Fisher Management, 715 N. Nevada Ave., Colo. Spgs., MEIrose 3-2449. (Enclose with your remittance a return stamped envelope, please). Box office at Norton Office Supplies, 125 E. Bijou Street, MEIrose 3-1789.

L. F. Boardman

April 11, 1955

A. H. Belmont

**WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR**  
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**SYNOPSIS:**

By memorandum 4-5-55 Mr. Nichols advised Mr. Tolson that Jay Sourwine made available a copy of a letter written by Attorney Byron W. Scott to Senator James O. Eastland charging Elizabeth Bentley made false charges against his client, William Henry Taylor. Bentley has advised Taylor, whom she never met, was a member of the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster Espionage Group. Scott demanded opportunity to cross examine Bentley. In a memorandum attached to Scott's letter he makes numerous charges (7 points) including that the Internal Security Subcommittee have circulated false charges against Taylor based on Bentley's testimony coupling him with Harry Dexter White, and the Subcommittee failed to publish Taylor's denial of these charges. Six of the points are aimed at the Subcommittee. Remaining point (point 5) deals with contradictions in testimony of Bentley. Under point 5 Scott charges Bentley with error in her testimony before Senate Internal Subcommittee as stating she received documents from Taylor. While the question directed to Bentley in her appearance before Internal Security Subcommittee on 6-14-51 was specific in asking Bentley who gave material to her, Bentley's reply was not entirely responsive. Bentley replied that Lud Ullman (William Ludwig Ullman) used to bring it (material) out. She stated sometimes Harry (Harry Dexter White) was leery about bringing it out himself. She then stated sometimes it would be given to Bill Taylor. It will be noted she did not say she received material from Taylor. Scott also alleges Bentley's statement before House Committee on Un-American (HCUA) Activities in 1948 as to her first contact with Bureau at variance with testimony of Director in his appearance before Jenner Committee in November, 1953. Bentley's testimony is in error with respect to date she first revealed her espionage activities to Bureau and with respect to espionage meet she felt Bureau covered which Bureau did not cover. Explaining this in December, 1954, Bentley advised she never saw transcript of testimony before HCUA in 1948 and, therefore, had no opportunity to make any corrections. Taylor and his attorney tried

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to have Bentley appear before Loyalty Board in connection with Taylor's hearing as employee of International Monetary Fund (IMF). Bentley did not appear. It appears Scott is again making efforts to secure opportunity to cross examine Bentley, presumably seeking to discredit her. Taylor instituted half million dollar law suit against "Washington Daily News" in 1953.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is suggested Mr. Nichols refer Jay Sourwine to part II, page 481 of the "Hearings Before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate, Eighty-Second Congress, First Session on the Institute of Pacific Relations." These hearings were held on August 9, 14, 16, 20, 22, and 23, 1951. Attention of Sourwine should be directed to fact that Bentley's response to the question as to whom received documents from is not directly responsive since her answer is worded so as to name three persons who brought documents out of Treasury Department. While she names Taylor as one of the three she does not specifically say she received the documents from Taylor. Sourwine should be further informed that Bentley erred in her testimony before the ECVA but she has explained she had no opportunity to review transcript of testimony before ECVA in 1948 and, therefore, was unable to correct any errors.

2. It would not be in our interest to have Bentley cross examined before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee by a hostile attorney whose only purpose would be to discredit her and particularly where Bentley has previously testified she never knew Taylor personally. Taylor's attorney may also be seeking to belater his libel suit by having an opportunity to cross examine Bentley.

### DETAILS:

Mr. Nichols by memorandum 4-5-55 to Mr. Tolson stated that Jay Sourwine of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee advised Byron M. Scott, Attorney for William Henry Taylor, in a vitriolic letter to Senator James O. Eastland charged Elizabeth Bentley made false charges against his client. Bentley has advised Taylor, whom she never met, was a member of the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster Espionage Group. Scott demanded the Senate Internal Subcommittee call Bentley and afford Taylor a right to cross examine her. A Photostat of Scott's letter and his memorandum pointing out wherein Bentley charges are false were reviewed in accordance with Mr. Nichols's suggestions.

Scott in his memorandum lists 7 specific points which are as follows:

#### Points 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7:

Points 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 deal with charges made against his client (Taylor) by the Internal Security Subcommittee covering the period 1951 to 1954. Scott criticizes the actions of the Subcommittee in its handling of the charges against Taylor. He demands the opportunity to cross examine Miss Bentley in the interests of his client in order to determine the direct facts. Scott charges the Subcommittee has circulated false charges against Taylor based on Bentley's testimony coupling him with Harry Dexter White and having failed to publish Taylor's denials.

#### Comments:

Any action to be taken in connection with criticism of the Senate Internal Subcommittee is a matter that should not be decided upon by the FBI.

#### Point 5:

Under this point Scott comes directly to the crux of his memorandum stating that "Only through cross examination can we come to grips with the mass of contradictions and logical impossibilities which Miss Bentley has spread on the record." Scott then gives two examples of contradictions, one item in Bentley's testimony against William Taylor and one item in her general story.

Contradictions: A.

"Bentley says William Taylor gave her documents, but she has also said she has never met him." Scott charges Bentley at the Internal Security Subcommittee Hearings on the Institute of Pacific Relations on page 421 was asked "Who gave the (material on government documents) to you, for instance? She gave the names of Lud Ullmann and Bill Taylor." Scott then points out that Bentley in subsequent appearances testified she never met Taylor and, therefore, it would have been impossible for her to have received documents from a man she never met.

Comment:

Bentley testified on 8-14-51 before the afore-mentioned Committee and her testimony on page 421 actually reads as follows:

Mr. Morris. Would you give us a concrete example of your dealings with Harry Dexter White?

Miss Bentley. In the way of material?

Mr. Morris. Yes. Who gave it to you, for instance?

Miss Bentley. Well, in the early days Lud Ullmann, who was then working in the Treasury, used to bring it out. Sometimes Harry was leery about bringing it out himself. Sometimes it would be given to Bill Taylor.

Mr. Morris. Who is William Taylor?

Miss Bentley. He was another Communist Party member in the Treasury who paid his dues and was a member of the Silvermaster Group.

Bentley does not say Taylor gave her documents, but does say Taylor brought documents out of the Treasury. Her answer was not responsive to the specific question asked, but in light of her general story that she did not know Taylor. Scott's interpretation of this testimony is in error. The error attributed by Scott appears immaterial and does not appear to discredit the over-all story of Bentley.

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"Miss Bentley's story as to when she first broke her story to the FBI and when she put herself under FBI orders is in direct conflict with the facts as spread on the record by J. Edgar Hoover."

Scott alleges Bentley, in 1948, testified before the HCUA that her first visit to the FBI was in New Haven on ~~AUGUST~~ 21, or 22, 1945, and then she told the whole espionage story to the FBI. Bentley also reportedly told the HCUA that her meeting on 10-17-45 with her Russian contact "Al" (which resulted in her getting \$2,000 to continue espionage work) took place in obedience to FBI instructions. He also said Bentley stated she had every reason to believe the FBI observed the whole transaction.

Comments:

Bentley actually did testify as alleged by Scott in her appearance before the HCUA on 8-11-48. She was in error. In December, 1954, we interviewed Bentley about alleged discrepancies that appeared in her testimony before the HCUA in 1948. Bentley advised she had had no opportunity to review a transcript of her testimony before the HCUA in 1948 and, therefore, was unable to correct any errors.

Bentley actually contacted the FBI at New Haven on 8-23-45 and reported an impersonation complaint against Peter Heller. She next contacted our New York office on 10-16-45 at which time she repeated her impersonation complaint against Peter Heller. Details concerning her complaint regarding Heller were prepared in a memorandum from Mr. Boardman to the Director dated 1-25-55. Bentley next appeared at the New York office on 11-7-45 at which time she voluntarily furnished information regarding her espionage activities. We, therefore, had no knowledge in October, 1945, as to her relationship with "Al" at the time she reportedly received the \$2,000 from him. Bentley was observed by Agents to make a contact with "Al" (Anatoli B. Gronov, First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy) on 11-21-45 in New York City. Regarding the \$2,000 Bentley did, on 11-16-45, tell Agents of having received this money from Gronov in October. On 11-17-45 Bentley furnished the \$2,000 to Bureau Agents in New York City and this money is still retained by the New York office in a safe deposit box.

The Director, of course, in his testimony on 11-17-53 before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee furnished the correct facts as to the date we first met Bentley. Scott's charges that Bentley must be in error as to the dates involved are correct.



### OBSERVATIONS:

In September, 1954, Taylor, in an appearance before a Federal Grand Jury, pointed out minor inaccuracies in connection with Elizabeth Bentley's story. These inaccuracies were discussed with Elizabeth Bentley in December, 1954, and do not appear to counteract the over-all weight of her testimony. It appeared then as it does now that Taylor and his attorney have made a thorough study of Bentley's testimony checking possible points no matter how small with which to discredit her. Taylor's grand jury testimony is, of course, not public knowledge. Also in connection with these efforts on the part of Taylor and his attorney it should be borne in mind that in November, 1953, Taylor instituted a half million dollar libel suit against the "Washington Daily News."

One of the points made by Scott does seemingly indicate an inaccuracy on Bentley's part but at the same time Bentley has testified on numerous occasions before Congressional Committees and has had to answer questions calling for answers not known firsthand to her. It is only normal that some of this information would be subject to question. The points made are somewhat insignificant and do not appear to discredit Miss Bentley. Efforts were made by Taylor and his attorney to have Bentley appear before the Loyalty Hearing Board in 1954 in connection with the hearing afforded Taylor as an employee of the IMF. Bentley did not appear. It is felt that Scott is now making another effort to have Bentley appear as a witness and subject herself to cross examination in order that her testimony might be discredited.

It is felt the Bureau should be opposed to any appearance of Bentley before any Subcommittee that might subject her to cross examination for the following reasons:

1. A precedent would be set allowing cross examination of former Bureau informants and sources that might have far reaching implications in connection with various hearings held by Congressional Committees, Loyalty Hearing Boards and other related type matters.

2. The Bureau has a definite interest in Bentley as a potential witness in any future proceedings in the Silvermaster case. Proceedings in this case are a distinct possibility as Mr. William Ludwig Ullmann (Silvermaster case principal) was cited for contempt on 3-8-55 under the new Immunity Bill.

L. V. BOARDMAN

April 21, 1955

A. H. BELMONT

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WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR  
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In Mr. Nichols' memorandum (4/19/55) it was stated William Henry Taylor was making much of the point Elizabeth Bentley was always referring to a "Bill" Taylor. Jay Sourvine stated there were three "Bill" Taylors in the Treasury Department. He assumed our investigation resolved any possibility of misidentification. Mr. Nichols said we would recheck this. The Director commented, "Do so promptly."

Elizabeth Bentley's Allegations:

Bentley has advised that one of Harry Dexter White's most valuable assets as far as the Silvermaster group was concerned was his ability to place in the Treasury Department individuals of interest to the network. Among this group she lists William Taylor. She said Taylor was sent to China by the Treasury Department and she believed he later went to Portugal. She recalled Taylor had given to the network a report on conditions in China and other oral and written information in period after his return from China and before going abroad. She never met Taylor, but learned of him from Silvermaster and William Ludwig Ullmann. Bentley speaks of William Taylor in her statement to us and not "Bill" Taylor.

Identification of Taylor:

The following are the facts on which the Washington Field Office identified William Henry Taylor as the individual named by Bentley: William Henry Taylor received a job with Treasury in January, 1941, through Harry Dexter White and was recommended by H. G. Silvermaster, who claimed to have had known Taylor since 1932. He was sent to China in May, 1941, as a member of the Chinese Stabilization Board. He returned to the Treasury Department in

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September, 1942, and in May, 1944, was sent to London. He was in contact of William Ludwig Ullmann, Victor Perle, Allan Rosenberg, and Solomon Adler, all individuals named as espionage agents by Bentley. We had also received allegations of pro-Soviet and Communist sympathies on the part of William Henry Taylor. The only point where Bentley's information does not correspond with William Henry Taylor is her statement, she believed he went to Portugal. She has been reinterviewed and cannot clarify this.

Other Taylors In The Treasury Department:

Our files do not reflect data on three "Bill" Taylors in the Treasury Department. We have a record of a William H. Taylor who worked in Treasury in 1948 on the char force.

ACTION:

For your information and it is not believed that there is a possibility of a wrong identification in this matter. If you desire we can instruct the W.F.O. to contact the Treasury Department and obtain all data in their files on William Taylors who have been employed by that agency.

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L. V. Boardman

April 21, 1955

A. H. Belmont

**WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR**  
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**SYNOPSIS:**

In an article in the "Washington Daily News" of 4/18/55 and in Stewart Alsop's column of 4/19/55 in the "Washington Post and Times Herald" information is set forth reflecting Byron N. Scott, (the attorney for William Henry Taylor, who is an employee of the International Monetary Fund under loyalty charges) has filed a document with International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board charging Bentley with demonstrable falsehoods. Taylor's attorney also issued a press release on 4/18/55 making similar charges against Bentley and criticizing the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. The Director instructed this matter be carefully analyzed.

In the details there is an analysis of various points made against Bentley and our comments on each point. Briefly, the facts in this matter are as follows: Bentley never met Taylor personally and her data concerning him is hearsay obtained from the Silvermasters and others, but it was her understanding a William Taylor was a member of the network in the Treasury Department who was furnishing documents to the network. Our investigation reflected close association between Taylor and members of the network. Taylor was a friend of W. G. Silvermaster before entering the Treasury Department in January, 1941. Harry D. White offered him his Treasury job and in interview in 1947 by Bureau agents Taylor said he obtained his job at Treasury through Silvermaster. Taylor has since denied to the Loyalty Board he said this. The case against Taylor is not overly strong and Taylor has fought removal from the International Monetary Fund.

Taylor also brought suit against the "Washington Daily News" in late 1953 because of an article (11/20/53) linking him with H. D. White during the White controversy in the Fall of 1953. The suit has not been tried. Taylor and his attorney are seeking to attack Bentley's over-all testimony by reviewing her public testimony concerning Taylor and others and playing up seeming inconsistencies. Taylor did this in testimony before a Federal Grand Jury in Washington in September, 1954. We at that time analyzed the various points made by Taylor and

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cc - Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Branigan

cc - Mr. Cole  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Jensen

cc - 134-435 (Elizabeth Bentley)

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interviewed Bentley concerning them. We do not have the document mentioned in the news article as filed with the Loyalty Board. We did instruct the WFO by memorandum of April 19, 1955, to obtain it and furnish copies to the Bureau. U

In essence, the charges made by Taylor and his attorney (which are analyzed in the details) are to the effect Bentley's testimony against Taylor is contradictory, and her testimony concerning others is inconsistent. An attempt is therefore being made to attack the credibility of Bentley, and by so doing defeat the loyalty charges against Taylor, win his suit against the "Washington Daily News," and incidental thereto, destroy Bentley's value as a witness against others. Taylor's attorney also strongly criticizes the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and is apparently seeking to get enough publicity on this matter to force some action. U

As the analysis in the details shows, there have been several inconsistencies in Bentley's public testimony which have also differed in certain respects from the data she furnished to us. Taylor's attorney demands the right to cross-examine Bentley before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on the various points. He is seeking to put the Committee and the Government on the defensive on this entire matter. It is believed the best defense to this overall attack on Bentley's credibility would be in showing that in many important respects there is corroboration for Bentley's testimony. No attempt is being made here to show all the corroboration except with respect to a few important points. Whittaker Chambers named H. D. White and Abraham G. Silverman as Soviet agents active in the late 1930's. These persons were later named by Bentley. We did observe in November, 1945, a meeting between Bentley and Anatoli Gromov who has been named by the Soviet defector, Eastvorenov, as a high Soviet official whose real name is Gorski. Bentley did give us the \$2,000 which she got from Gromov in October, 1945. Bentley named as her Soviet superior an individual we later identified as Joseph Katz. We have five other potential witnesses including Harry Gold who worked in espionage in the United States under Katz. U

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In addition to the foregoing, there is security-type information available concerning a large number of the persons named by Bentley, and the majority of the persons she named have in public appearances sought refuge behind the Fifth Amendment. (b)(1)

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**ACTION:**

1) The foregoing is for your information and we will follow the developments in this matter very closely and as soon as we receive from the WFO the document filed by Taylor's attorney with the Loyalty Board, it will be reviewed for any other charges of possible discrepancy in Bentley's past testimony. (WFO has advised the document will be submitted to the Bureau today.)

2) While at the present stage, it is not felt the Bureau is in a position to take any positive action on this matter. It is believed the best defense of Bentley's credibility would be to make as strong a showing as possible of the corroboration of Bentley's testimony, rather than trying to defend on the basis of the individual items of inconsistency.

3) It would not be in our interest to have Bentley cross-examined before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee by a hostile attorney, whose only purpose would be to discredit her, and particularly where Bentley has previously testified she never knew Taylor personally.

- 1 - Just what did Brownell say re Taylor?
- 2 - Did I ever publicly mention Taylor?
- 3 - I assume you are preparing a detailed brief. H.

### DETAILS:

In an article in the "Washington Daily News" of 4/18/55 and in Stewart Alsop's column 4/19/55 in the "Washington Post and Times Herald," information is set forth reflecting that Byron N. Scott, attorney for William Henry Taylor, has filed a document with the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board, charging Bentley with demonstrable falsehoods. Scott also issued a press release on 4/18/55 to which there was attached a letter dated 4/4/55 to Senator Eastland, Chairman of the Internal Security Subcommittee. In the letter to Senator Eastland, Scott demands the right to cross-examine Bentley on contradictions in her testimony. The Director instructed that this matter be carefully analyzed.

### Allegations Against Taylor:

Taylor is an employee of the International Monetary Fund who has been under loyalty charges over a considerable period. Briefly, the allegations concerning Taylor are as follows:

Bentley never met Taylor personally and her data concerning him is hearsay obtained from the Silvermasters and others, but it was her understanding a William Taylor was a member of the network in the Treasury Department who was furnishing documents to the network. Our investigation reflected close association between Taylor and members of the network. Taylor was a friend of H. G. Silvermaster before entering the Treasury Department in January, 1941. Harry Dexter White offered him his Treasury job and in interview in 1947 by Bureau agents, Taylor said he obtained his job at Treasury through Silvermaster. Taylor has since denied to the Loyalty Board that he said this. The case against Taylor is not overly strong and Taylor has sought removal from the International Monetary Fund.

### Analysis of Charges Made Against Bentley's Testimony:

Taylor brought suit against the "Washington Daily News" in late 1953 because of an article (11/20/53) linking him with Harry Dexter White during the White controversy in the Fall of 1953. The suit has not been tried. Taylor and his attorney have been seeking to attack Bentley's over-all testimony by reviewing her public testimony before Congressional committees concerning Taylor and others and by playing up seeming inconsistencies. Taylor did this in testimony before a Federal grand jury in Washington in September, 1954. He, at that time, analyzed the various points made by Taylor and interviewed Bentley concerning them. The "Washington News" article of 4/18/55 reflects Taylor has filed a 107-page brief listing alleged inconsistencies in Bentley's testimony. We do not have this brief, but instructed the WFO

by memorandum 6/19/53 to obtain the brief and furnish copies to the Bureau. The points mentioned in the "Lens" article and previously made by Taylor are briefly reviewed hereinafter:

Charge No. 11 Bentley testified she first went to the FBI in New Haven in August, 1943, and was under FBI orders when she met Anatoli Gromov in New York City on 10/17/43. Attorney Scott pointed out Attorney General Brownell in testimony on 11/17/53 said her story of espionage was first sent by the FBI to the White House on 11/8/45. (The interview was on 11/7/45.)

Comment: Bentley did testify as alleged before HCUA on 8/11/48 and was in error. She actually did contact New Haven office on 8/23/43 on impersonation complaint. It was not until 11/7/45 that she appeared at the NY office and gave espionage data. He did not surveil meeting with Gromov on 10/17/43; however, we did cover meeting with Gromov in November, 1943.

Charge No. 2: Bentley testified in 1948 that in July, 1941, Silvermaster met Jacob Golos at request of Earl Browder. It is charged Browder was in prison at that time (March, 1941 to May, 1943).

Comment: Bentley before HCUA in 1948 does say Golos in about July, 1941, told her he had received from Earl Browder the name of a man working for the Government who could help get data for Russia and who could organize a network. Bentley said this was Silvermaster. She did not testify Silvermaster met Golos in July, 1941, as alleged, and also testified in 1948 that Silvermaster and Golos were acquainted in early 1930's. In her book (page 149) she does point out Browder was in prison and indicates this made more difficult Golos' task in contacting Silvermaster.

Charge No. 21 Bentley has testified that she channeled through Golos information she received from a group headed by Victor Perle, and that she met Perle first in March, 1944. It was pointed out Golos died in November, 1943.

Comment: Bentley did testify as alleged in 1948. She was inaccurate and has admitted to us she was in error. Bentley's statements to the Bureau are accurate on this point.



Charge No. 4: That Bentley has claimed to have known I-Day in advance, while top U. S. generals have stated the actual date was contingent upon many things, including the weather.

Comment: Bentley in testimony on 7/31/48 before HCUA did state she learned about I-Day in advance from Ullman who had learned the date through his connections with General Hildring's office. Bentley in her signed statement to us in 1945 said she received information on the approximate scheduled date of I-Day.

Charge No. 5: Bentley testified data on the Loolittle Raid on Tokyo (April, 1942) was made available to her from William Ludwig Ullman. Scott charged Ullman was not in Armed Services until October, 1942. It is further charged Bentley said this was a B-29 raid and it was not.

Comment: Bentley actually testified (May, 1949) she got data on a B-29 raid on Japan from Ullman; she did at one point indicate she received data on the Loolittle raid. We have interviewed her on this point and she insists she got data on a B-29 raid from Ullman and that this was in 1944. She does not recall referring to this as the Loolittle raid.

Charge No. 6: Charged that while Bentley has testified she never met Taylor, she has claimed documents were obtained from him.

Comment: Bentley in her actual testimony (August, 1951) does not say that she actually received the documents from Taylor although the question asked of her was directed to that point. She does state Taylor furnished documents. She has consistently stated she never met Taylor. It would appear on this point that Taylor's attorney is purposely misinterpreting her testimony.

Charges Made by Taylor's Attorney Against the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee

In a letter dated 4/4/53 to Senator Eastland, Chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and in a press release issued by Byron Scott, Taylor's attorney 4/16/53, Scott demands the right to cross-examine Bentley on the basis of the previous

inconsistencies in her public testimony. Scott also makes certain charges against the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which, briefly, are as follows:

1. It is charged that the Subcommittee has circulated Bentley's charges against Taylor in 1951, 1953 and 1954.

2. That the Subcommittee's report for 1954 linked Taylor and Harry Dexter White in connection with an internal Treasury Department memorandum of 3/7/44.

3. That the Subcommittee has not released Taylor testimony in Executive Committee hearings on 12/1/39 where he denied Bentley charges.

4. The Subcommittee has praised Bentley's testimony as "flawlessly truthful," but has never allowed her to be cross-examined.

5. That certain of Bentley's testimony can be demonstrated as being contradictory (the points made here are covered in the analysis of the charges made against Bentley).

6. That Taylor by the Subcommittee's charges has been subjected to suspicion, given un/avourable publicity, and twice efforts were made to dismise him from the International Monetary Fund.

7. That a cross-examination of Bentley is necessary in order to afford Taylor a chance to clear himself and also is in the public interest.

#### Observations

1) From the foregoing, it is to be observed that there have been several inconsistencies in Bentley's public testimony. With respect to certain points, Bentley is in a position to explain what she meant, but with respect to others she would have to admit she was in error. It is noted that certain of the statements made by her in public testimony have differed from the facts as she gave them to the Bureau starting in 1945.

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2) It is believed the best defense to this over-all attack on Bentley's credibility would be in showing that in many important respects there is corroboration in Bentley's story. An attempt is being made here to show this corroboration except with respect to a few important points. Whittaker Chambers named Harry Dexter White and Abraham G. Silverman as Soviet agents active in the late 1930's. These persons were later named by Bentley. He did observe in November, 1945, a meeting between Bentley and Anatoli Gromov who has been named by the Soviet defector Eastorov as a high Soviet official whose real name is Goraki. Bentley did give us the \$2,000 which she got from Gromov in October, 1945. Bentley named on her Soviet superior an individual we later identified as Joseph Katz. We have five other potential witnesses, including Harry Gold, who worked in espionage in the United States under Katz.

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3) It would not be in the Bureau's interest to have Bentley cross-examined by a hostile attorney before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee where the attorney's only purpose would be to discredit Bentley.

4) We are following the developments in this matter very closely and as soon as we receive from the WFO the document filed by Thayer's attorney with the Loyalty Board, it will be reviewed for any other charges of possible discrepancy in Bentley's past testimony.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. BOARDMAN  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. NICHOLS

Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, in charge of the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice, called to advise that he had talked to Jay Sourwines, Chief Counsel for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and the Subcommittee feels they are going to have to call William H. Taylor. Mr. Tompkins stated the Subcommittee had no intention of calling Elizabeth Bentley, that they were in accord with the views of the Department and are well aware that they can go so far with people without injuring their health.

Mr. Tompkins also mentioned that he had souended out David H. Harris, an attorney in the Internal Security Division of the Department, who felt that Steinberg tied in with the Alexander Frachtenburg and George Blake Charney cases and he thought these latter two cases should be tried right away without the Matusow evidence. Mr. Tompkins stated the Department was going to make an announcement Monday that these cases would be tried right away in an effort to get a conviction without Matusow. He stated he would keep us posted.

Very truly yours, WFO  
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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc-Mr. Holloman

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April 22, 1955

W. A. Branigan

WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR  
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In your memorandum to Mr. Boardman, dated 4/21/55, information was set forth concerning charges made by Taylor against Bentley. It was pointed out that a 107-page brief had been filed by Byron N. Scott, Taylor's attorney, before the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board and we were obtaining a copy to review. We have received two copies of the 107-page brief and on reading find that a lengthy and detailed study of this matter has been made by Taylor and his attorneys. We, in turn, will have to do a lot of research in our files and of Bentley's public testimony to check on various phases of this matter. Eight men are presently assigned to this project and are going to work Saturday, 4/23/55. A brief will be submitted as early as possible next week, analyzing the various aspects of this attack on Bentley and the Government.

ACTION: This is for your information.

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L. V. Boardman

April 25, 1955

J. E. Belmont

**WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR**  
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In connection with my memorandum to you of 4/21/55, the Director asked as to what Attorney General Brownell said regarding Taylor. In his speech before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on 11/17/53, the Attorney General summarized portions of our 2/1/46 summary on Harry Dexter White. This included a paragraph which the Attorney General summarized as follows:

"According to the information received by the FBI, White was considered one of the most valuable assets in this particular parallel of Soviet intelligence. This view was taken since in his capacity as Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury, these individuals whom this group were anxious to have assigned there could be placed in the Treasury Department. Among the persons in this category were William Ludwig Ullmann, William Henry Taylor and Sonia Steinman Gold."

The Director asked whether he (the Director) had ever publicly mentioned Taylor. The Director did not mention Taylor in his 11/17/53 speech before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. A review of the Taylor case and other material fails to reflect that the Director had at any other time publicly named Taylor. In the 107-page brief, Taylor claims that while the Director did not mention him by name, the Subcommittee, the Subcommittee asked for a record of dissemination on certain individuals and while the Committee did not ask for data on Taylor, it was provided. While this is true, our records reflect we prepared the dissemination material on Taylor pursuant to a request from AAG Warren Olney III to the Director, dated 11/29/53. By memorandum 12/3/53 we furnished to Mr. Olney information requested on the various individuals, including Taylor.

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CC - Mr. Boardman

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The Director stated he assumed we were preparing a detailed brief. We are in the process of carefully analyzing the 107-page brief submitted by Taylor to the Loyalty Board. We are carefully searching our files on the various points made by Taylor and we will submit as soon as possible a detailed brief on this entire matter.

ACTION: The foregoing is for your information.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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DATE: 5/6/55

During an interview with Miss BENTLEY on April 30, 1955 she advised that she plans to leave Lafayette, Louisiana and drive to her home in Madison, Connecticut sometime between the dates of May 25 and May 31, 1955.

Offices to which this letter is directed who have leads to interview Miss BENTLEY should be guided accordingly.

As soon as Miss BENTLEY definitely decides what date she will depart from Lafayette, you will be advised.

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TO: Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 4, 1955

FROM: L. B. Nichols

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Drew Pearson in his April 30th broadcast stated:

Senator Hennings, Missouri, has an interesting wire tap file on Elizabeth Bentley, the alleged Communist courier, which may come out in his probe on wire tapping.

The Domestic Intelligence Division suggested that I make inquiries regarding this matter on the Hill. I did talk to Jay Sourwine who knew nothing whatsoever regarding this but since Hennings is a member of the Internal Security Subcommittee, Sourwine will have Senator Eastland ask Hennings for the file, since this could conceivably tie into the William Henry Taylor matter. Sourwine will let us know what he finds out.

With reference to the possibility of a subcommittee headed by Senator Hennings holding hearings on wire tapping, I can find absolutely no trace of any possibility of a hearing at this time. In fact, Sourwine told me today he had made inquiry of Hennings on this and Hennings stated that he had nothing planned or scheduled.

In this connection Mike Horan talked to Tom Collins of the Senate Judiciary Committee staff who handled the wire tapping legislation last year. Collins told Horan he was not handling the matter this year and that so far as he knows Hennings has no one lined up and he has heard nothing. Horan further stated that he made a routine inquiry of David Lude and Alan Lindsay in the Criminal Division as to whether the Criminal Division had any pending inquiries from Hennings' subcommittee on wire tapping. They both stated they had no knowledge of this and in fact were talking about the matter of wire tapping with Warren Olney on the morning of May 4th and Olney had had any knowledge he no doubt would have told them.

Hennings is Chairman of Subcommittee No. 4 of the Senate Judiciary Committee which consists of Senators Hennings, McClellan, O'Mahoney, Watkins and Wicker.

cc: Mr. Boardman

cc: Mr. Belmont

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols ✓

SUBJECT: <sup>①</sup>  
ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: May 20, 1955

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Bob Morris on May 19th informed me that Elizabeth Bentley had been in touch with Roy Cohn; that the Internal Revenue Service had delivered an ultimatum on Elizabeth Bentley that unless she paid up a controverted item of income tax totalling some \$1800 by next week, the Internal Revenue Bureau would institute proceedings against her.

Morris stated that at the time she filed her return during the years when she wrote her book and the articles and had a fairly substantial income, her attorney had recommended she spread the income over a period of three or four years, however, subsequently Internal Revenue had ruled against her. Her attorney, however, felt this ruling was not consistent and recommended she not pay. She is now very much upset over the latest move.

Morris stated it would be tragic if the Internal Revenue did proceed against Elizabeth Bentley. Morris stated he was going to take the matter up with Rogers in the Department and is going to point out that if arbitrary action is taken against Elizabeth Bentley, this would stir up not only the anti-Communists against the Department, but would give fodder to the leftwingers who have been criticizing Elizabeth Bentley.

cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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May 24, 1955

Director, FBI

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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The following information has been furnished  
to the Bureau by an outside source:

This source states during the period that  
Bentley was writing her book and articles, she had  
a fairly substantial income. On the advice of her  
attorney she spread this income from her publications  
over a period of three to four years. The Internal  
Revenue Service ruled against her; however, her  
attorney felt this ruling was inconsistent and recom-  
mended that she not pay.

This source reports the Internal Revenue  
Service has now demanded that Bentley pay the item in  
dispute, totaling \$1,800, by this week or the Internal  
Revenue Service would institute proceedings against  
her.

This source observed that any arbitrary  
action against Bentley would stir up anti-Communists  
and would give ammunition to leftwing elements which  
have been criticizing Bentley.

The above is being referred to you for your  
information.

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cc - 1 - Assistant Attorney General

William F. Tompkins

NOTE: This letter is written in response to the notation  
of the Director, "Send memo to AG and Tompkins without  
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Mr. Tolson dated 5/20/55 bearing this caption and attached  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

DATE: May 26, 1955

*Noted*  
Pursuant to the instructions in Paragraph O of SAC letter 55-35, the above-captioned individual is being deleted as a confidential source. Inasmuch as she is being contacted regularly, she will be converted to a source of information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 5/27/55

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A3591- Congressman Roosevelt, (D) California, extended his remarks  
— A3593 to include an article from the Washington Post and Times  
Herald of May 22, 1955, entitled "Fund Official Seeks  
Bentley Confrontation." The references to the Director  
and the FBI were set forth in a memorandum written earlier  
this date.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 7/1/55 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

SAC, Washington Field (orig. and 1)

June 1, 1955

Director, FBI (134-435)

**ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY**  
**SOURCE OF INFORMATION**

As you well know, allegations as to the authenticity of the story of Elizabeth Bentley have been circulated by William Henry Taylor and his attorney, Byron N. Scott. Alleged inconsistencies of Elizabeth Bentley in her appearances before various congressional committees have been cited to attack her credibility.

It is requested that you make efforts to secure five copies of the following:

Senate, Investigations Subcommittee of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, Hearings on Export Policy and Loyalty, July 30, 1948.

House, Committee on Un-American Activities, Hearings regarding Communist Espionage in the United States Government, July 31, August 4-9-10-11-12-13, 1948.

Senate, Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization of the Committee on the Judiciary, Hearings on Communist Activities Among Aliens and National Groups, May 13, 1949.

House, Subcommittee of Committee on Un-American Activities, Hearings regarding Communism in the United States Government - Part I, May 6, 1950.

Senate, Internal Security Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary, Hearings on the Institute of Pacific Relations, Part 2, August 14, 1951.

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Senate, Internal Security Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary, Hearings on Inter-looking Subversion in Government Departments, Part 16, November-December, 1953.

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Letter to SAC, Washington Field

RE: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Senate, Internal Security Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary, Report on Interlocking Subversion in Government Departments, July 30, 1953.

Senate Subcommittee on Government Operations Abroad of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations, Hearings on Transfer of Occupation Currency Plates - Espionage Phase, October 20 and 21, 1953.

Bentley has testified before the above-listed committees on the dates indicated. In the event you are unable to secure copies of these documents at the Government Printing Office, efforts should be made to secure Photostats of the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley given before these various committees. You should retain a copy of the above-listed documents in your files for possible future reference. In addition to forwarding one copy of these documents to the Bureau, you should also forward a copy of these documents to the New Haven, New Orleans and New York offices.

NOTE:

Copies of these documents to be made available to New Haven, New Orleans and the NY offices as Bentley has been known to spend time in areas covered by those offices each year. In view of attacks made on credibility of Bentley, the possibility exists those offices at a future date may be required to interview Bentley re her testimony.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION

DATE: June 3, 1955

Remylet May 6, 1955.

This is to advise that on May 31, 1955, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY departed from Lafayette, Louisiana, enroute to her home in Madison, Connecticut. She should arrive in Madison around June 8, 1955.

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TO :

Mr. Tolson *V. per D*

DATE: June 4, 1955

FROM :

L. B. Nichols *LBN*

SUBJECT:

ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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*E.I.R. 7*  
*Washington DC*

Ben Mandel told me that Elizabeth Bentley is in town. Ben Mandel has secured the services of ~~Ed Williams~~ to act as Elizabeth Bentley's attorney in anticipation of an attack by the Hennings Committee.

cc - Mr. Boardman  
cc - Mr. Belmont

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: June 3, 1955

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FROM : J. Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI (66-18772)

SUBJECT:

ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS  
(FULL UTILIZATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS  
AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION)

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ReBulet 5-16-55.

Exempt from GDS, Category 2  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

The following changes should be made concerning individuals previously included in this program:

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Elizabeth Bentley, referred to in No Number SAC Letter dated 5-4-50, SAC Letters 54-1 and 54-28, and Bulet of 3-21-55, is returning to her home in Madison, Connecticut. Leads to contact her should be directed to New Haven.

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Contacts with Robert Cuse, referred to in  
SAC Letter 54-28, have become increasingly infrequent,  
and he should be deleted. J

[REDACTED] referred to in SAC Letters 53-27  
and 53-61, has been discontinued as symbol for Kenneth (b)(7)(D)  
Eckert who should now be listed by name. Information  
received from Eckert may be credited to him without  
use of temporary symbol. J

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Information received from Hede Massing, referred  
to in No Number SAC Letter dated 5-4-50 and SAC Letter  
54-63, may be credited to her by name. J

William Odell Nowell, referred to in No Number  
SAC Letters dated 5-4-50 and 10-30-50, died 5-24-55 and  
should be deleted. J

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Letter to Albany

RE: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS  
(FULL UTILIZATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS  
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The identities of the following should continue  
to be protected by temporary symbol in spite of past  
public testimony:

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If prepared, Index cards concerning the above-  
mentioned individuals should be amended accordingly.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: 5/25/55 G.I.R.

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

On May 16, 1955 Miss BENTLEY advised that she had just received from the Internal Security Subcommittee, Washington, D. C., a transcript of a statement made by WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR to the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board on March 28, 1955.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she has hurriedly scanned the document which consists of approximately 50 pages of material and that 95% of the material contained in this statement is entirely false and that the other 5% is very much distorted. She stated that the Internal Security Subcommittee has requested her to answer in writing the allegations made in the statement.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she does not at the present time have sufficient time to scrutinize the statement thoroughly enough to answer the allegations relating that it would take her approximately two or three weeks to give her answer, and also related that some of the information relates to previous testimony about her before various committees, which testimony she does not have access to at the present time.

Miss BENTLEY stated that unless the Bureau had reasons to the contrary, she did not believe that she would give a written answer to the allegations since she does not desire to get into any controversy with WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR. She related that if the Subcommittee subpoenaed her, that she would then answer any questions asked by the Committee.

The Bureau is requested to advise the New Orleans Office immediately as to whether or not they have any reason for BENTLEY to answer the allegations or not to answer them.

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Miss BENTLEY stated that if the Bureau did desire that she answer the allegations, she would like to discuss the matter with a Bureau official in either Washington or New York on her way to Connecticut after June 1, 1955. She stated that she would not have time to give this matter any attention prior to that time.

**June 9, 1955**

**Director, FBI**

**ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY**  
**SECURITY INFORMANT**

Reference is made to my memorandum to you, dated May 24, 1955, in which I outlined the difficulties Elizabeth Bentley has been having with the Internal Revenue Service relative to income from her book. I pointed out she had spread this income over a period of three to four years and the Internal Revenue Service had demanded that she pay \$1,800 or it will institute proceedings against her.

Elizabeth Bentley telephonically advised a representative of this Bureau on the evening of June 7, 1955, that she has learned the Internal Revenue Service in Louisiana, on June 8, 1955, attached her bank account in Louisiana. She indicated she was greatly disturbed by this action and felt it was an arbitrary action taken by elements in the Government which are trying to destroy her. She stated it appeared to be more than a coincidence that Harvey Matusow has attacked her, William Henry Taylor has attacked her, and now the Internal Revenue Service in Louisiana is taking this action. She said she had told the Internal Revenue representative in Louisiana that she intended to consult her attorney on the matter, but he ignored her request for a delay. She said she had been trying to reach her attorney, Judge Robert Morris, in New York, but had been unsuccessful. She indicated she is considering calling the newspapers and informing them of this action against her. She alluded to the fact that President Eisenhower was allowed to spread the income from his book over a period of years and she knows of no difference in the two situations.

Miss Bentley claims that she is broke, does not even have money with which to live, and it will be necessary for her to take immediate action in this matter. She requested that the matter be brought to your attention as she felt she had been of service to this Government and there had been no need for any arbitrary action.

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NOTE: See cover memo from Belmont to Boardman, 6/8/55, RJL:en same caption.

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LINE OPELOUSAS, LA., JUNE NINE LAST, APPEARING IN HERALD TRIBUNE  
INSTANT DATE, THAT FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE HAD FILED TAX  
LIEN AGAINST ELIZABETH BENTLEY FOR THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED  
NINETY DOLLARS IN UNPAID TAXES IN NINETEEN FIFTYONE. THIS AMOUNT  
BELIEVED TO BE TAXES ON PROCEEDS FROM BENTLEY'S BOOK, "OUT OF BONDAGE."  
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NEW ORLEANS ADVISED

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Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont

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ORIGINAL DIRECTOR *Belmont*

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: June 8, 1955

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Robert Morris called from New York. Elizabeth Bentley saw him yesterday. The Internal Revenue levied on her bank account in New Orleans and tied up her total savings which consisted of \$287.00. Morris had previously talked to William Rogers about this and accordingly called Rogers again today. Rogers thought the matter had been taken care of as he had talked to the General Counsel of Internal Revenue. Morris told him that Elizabeth Bentley was fighting mad over the treatment which was rather summary and a chance was not given to work the matter out on a long-range basis; that the income tax now being claimed grew out of her reporting income over a two or three year period on the advice of counsel whereas the Treasury has ruled the income should be reported in one year. Morris told Rogers that the country owes a great deal to Bentley; that she had done more to focus attention on Communists in the government than anyone else other than Whittaker Chambers and that in her present frame of mind she wanted to make a public statement. Rogers told Morris to keep her quiet, that he would contact Internal Revenue and see what could be worked out.

cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L.V. Boardman *flw*

DATE: June 8, 1955

FROM : A.H. Belmont *6-10-55*SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

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You may recall that Judge Robert Morris on 5/19/55 informed Mr. Nichols that the Internal Revenue Service had delivered an ultimatum to Elizabeth Bentley that unless she pays \$1800 in income taxes they will institute proceedings against her. This is income from Bentley's book which she spread over a 3-4-years' period, and the Internal Revenue Service has ruled against her. We directed a letter to the Attorney General with a copy to AAG Tompkins re this matter on 5/24/55.

Bentley, who is now in Madison, Connecticut, telephonically contacted Supervisor R.J. Lamphere on the evening of 6/7/55 and said she had just learned her bank account in Louisiana had been attached by Internal Revenue Service on 6/2/55. Bentley was very much disturbed over this matter. She was emotional and demanded immediate steps be taken in her behalf. It was necessary to rather forcefully bring to her attention that this matter was one outside the Bureau's jurisdiction and the only step we would consider taking would be to bring the facts to the attention of the Dept. of Justice. She made reference to the Long political machine in Louisiana and to the fact she felt Internal Revenue Service in Louisiana was possibly part of this clique. She alluded to the fact that President Eisenhower was allowed to spread the income from his book over a period of years. She indicated she was considering calling in the newspaper reporters and giving them the story. It was suggested to her that it might be in her interest, before taking any action, to contact her attorney. She said she had been trying to reach Judge Robert Morris in NYC, who has promised

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cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Branigan  
Mr. Lamphere

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to represent her in this matter, but could not reach him. She said something would have to be done in this matter as she does not have any money and will not even be able to live. She felt it was more than a coincidence that Harvey Matusow, William Henry Taylor and others are attacking her and now the Internal Revenue Service is acting against her. She stated she intends to fight back. She rambled on at considerable length and it was again necessary to point out to her that there was no direct action the Bureau could or would take in the matter.

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ACTION: There is attached a memorandum to the Attorney General, with copy to AAG Tompkins, setting forth statements made by Bentley in connection with this matter.

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Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to:

FBI, NEW ORLEANS (134-89) 6/11/55

DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435) AIRMAIL REGISTERED

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Re NY teletype 6/10/55, entitled "ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, ESPIONAGE - R." Same directed Bureau's attention to AP Dispatch bearing date line Opelousas, La., June 9 last, appearing in Herald Tribune instant date, that Federal Internal Revenue Service had filed tax lien against ELIZABETH BENTLEY for \$3,790.00 in unpaid taxes in 1951; that this amount believed to be taxes on proceeds from BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage."

New Orleans letter 6/3/55 to Director advised that on May 31, 1955, ELIZABETH BENTLEY departed from Lafayette, La., enroute to her home in Madison, Connecticut, where she should arrive around June 8, 1955. Newspaper clippings in local press re filing tax lien ~~was~~ being furnished to the Bureau, however, no additional action being taken in this matter at New Orleans until so instructed by the Bureau.

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Mr. Belmont

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 6, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
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SYNOPSIS:

Elizabeth Bentley, who was on her way to Madison, Connecticut, from her teaching position in Louisiana, telephonically contacted Supervisor R.J. Lamphere on the evening of 6/4/55 and asked to be interviewed on the morning of 6/5/55.

Bentley, in interview, indicated she is very concerned with the recent charges that have been made against her by Harvey Matusow and William Henry Taylor. She thinks someone should do something to protect her but said she fully recognized this was not the FBI's function. She said she had been in touch with Ben Mandel of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and he had told her there was a possibility that a committee headed by Senator Thomas C. Hennings on Constitutional Liberties would take up the Taylor charges. She said she agreed with Mandel that it would be better if the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee handled the matter and a committee friendly to Taylor would be bad. Mandel wanted her to meet with Edward Bennett Williams, the attorney who has represented Senator McCarthy. According to Mandel, Williams is willing to represent Bentley without charge. Bentley said she felt this tie-in with McCarthy's attorney would not be wise. She was told this, of course, was a matter in which the Bureau would not in any way counsel her and she would have to make her own decision. She said at the meeting she had scheduled with Mandel and Williams on 6/5/55 she would tell them she wanted to talk to Judge Robert Morris in New York City before making any decision.

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CC: 65-56402 (N.G. Silvermaster)

100-370862 (W.H. Taylor)

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Mr. Belmont

Mr. Branigan

Mr. Lamphere

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An effort was made to interview Bentley concerning a number of the charges by Taylor in his lengthy brief dated 9/28/55. Bentley indicated that while a copy of the charges made by Taylor had been made available to her by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, she had been very busy winding up her school year and had not wanted to go over these charges and had only scanned the material. When specific items were brought up, on most items she claimed she had not been inconsistent, claiming errors in transcriptions by congressional committees and statements made by representatives of congressional committees through questions had misled her. Her comments on these specific items are being covered in the details of this memorandum. Bentley was in a somewhat emotional state, claimed to be very tired and obviously did not want to get down to the facts. She was not pressed in view of this attitude and in order to avoid any possible subsequent claims being made that we were coaching her with respect to Taylor's charges.

ACTION: 1) There is attached a memorandum to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins of the Internal Security Division of the Department, giving him the benefit of some of the statements made by Bentley, in view of the fact that Tompkins' division is believed to be making an analysis of the Taylor charges.

2) The foregoing is for your information.

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### DETAILS:

The following represents the comments Bentley made on various of the charges contained in the brief filed by William Henry Taylor before the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board on 3/28/55:

#### Bentley Claimed Soviets Interested in RDX.

Taylor charged Bentley testified in 1949 that the Soviets sought information and were interested in RDX. Taylor claims Bentley probably lifted this story from the newspapers as there was nothing secret about RDX.

Bentley states her only answer to this is that she was requested to obtain information on RDX. This indicated to her that the Soviets were interested in this information.

#### Nationality Origin of U.S. Government Officials.

It is charged that in 1949 Bentley testified some 40 to 50 people who worked for the U.S. Government were giving her information. She said practically all of these people were Communists and all were native-born citizens except two, the Silvermasters. Taylor charges ten persons named by Bentley were not native-born Americans.

Bentley states that she may have been slightly inconsistent on this point, but said when she testified she had not been thinking of persons such as Lauchlin Currie and Solomon Greenberg as naturalized citizens when she made the statement. She claimed she had not known that William Taylor was not native-born.

#### The Ovakimian Photograph.

In her book, Bentley wrote that in May, 1941, Golos showed her an article and a photograph in the "New York Times" which stated a Russian engineer by the name of Ovakimian had been charged by the FBI with espionage. Taylor points out the "New York Times" did not contain a photograph of Ovakimian and, as a matter of fact, our check with other New York newspapers has failed to reflect any photograph of Ovakimian appeared in the press.



Bentley states all she knows is that Golos came to her with a newspaper and told her a photograph of Ovakimian was in the paper. She states she did not see the photograph, but assumed Golos was telling her the truth.

#### The Doolittle Raid on Tokyo.

Bentley testified before a Senate committee in 1949 that she received information from Ullmann on B-29's. At one point, she was asked whether she received information on the Doolittle raid and she said, "Yes," and the information was obtained from Ullmann.

Bentley at first claimed she did not understand what charge was being made here and when it was pointed out to her that the Doolittle raid occurred in April, 1942, and was made with B-25's and not with B-29's, she pointed out that any error made by her in this instance was caused by the questioning and that she had been talking about B-29's and raids made in the Pacific with B-29's and when one of the questioners spoke of the Doolittle raid, she must have assumed that it was a B-29 raid.

#### D-Day.

It is charged that Bentley has testified she knew in advance the date of D-Day and that she learned this information from Ullmann. Taylor quotes from General Eisenhower's book and other sources that D-Day was not known to General Eisenhower in advance and, therefore, could not have been known to others.

Bentley insists that her testimony on this matter is correct and that she learned from Ullmann at least four days in advance the scheduled date for D-Day. She said it was her understanding that Ullmann won a bet on this and while he did not get the date exactly, he was within one day of D-Day and, therefore, collected on the bet.

#### Earl Browder and Espionage.

Taylor charged that Bentley has told different versions of the origin of the Silvermaster group in July, 1941, and has pointed out Golos told her he had received from Earl Browder the name of a man interested in getting help to

Russia. She testified this person was Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. Taylor points out that Browder was in prison in July, 1941, and, therefore, could not possibly have told Golos the name of Silvermaster.

Bentley states this charge is ridiculous and she is at a loss to understand why people do not understand that Browder's information was given to Golos much earlier than July, 1941, and that Silvermaster had been told to lie low and to get his group in readiness at an earlier date.

In connection with this same charge, it is also alleged that Bentley obtained data from the Silvermaster group on exposed but undeveloped film and yet she says she furnished some of this information to Earl Browder. It is charged Bentley has been inconsistent in this.

Bentley also claims this charge is ridiculous. She states that not all information she obtained from the Silvermaster group was put on film and even when the data was put on film, she was told the contents of the information as occasionally the photography was not good and it had been necessary for the Soviets to come back to her to have the documents again photographed by the Silvermaster group. Bentley advised she was obtaining data from others than the Silvermaster group which was also made available to Browder.

When Did Miss Bentley First Advise the FBI of Her Activities?

Taylor charges Bentley has testified she told the FBI her story in New Haven on 8/21/45 or 8/22/45 and yet the FBI has given this date as 11/7/45. Taylor claims this makes a great deal of difference inasmuch as Bentley had a meeting with Anatole Gromov 10/17/45 and she has claimed this was under instructions of the FBI.

Bentley claims she is right on this point. She states she went in to the New Haven office in August, 1945, and told an agent about Peter Heller, a man she suspected might be an FBI agent. She said the agent to whom she talked was most noncommittal and, accordingly, she did not furnish him any detailed information. The agent did tell her the matter would be referred to the NY office and, after a lapse of some time,

she received a letter asking her to contact the NY office. She then had difficulty in making contact with the agent who was handling the matter but states she did talk to him in either September or October, 1945. Bentley claims in addition to telling this agent about the Peter Heller matter, she also told this agent that she had a meeting forthcoming with one of her contacts and the agent told her to go ahead and carry out the meeting.

Our records reflect Bentley did not tell us about espionage matters until 11/7/45. We are making a further check of our files on this matter. - Review Reflects Following SERIALS in 65-56402  
are pertinent 3392, 3394, 3414, 3466, 3506  
Allegations Concerning Bentley's Being 3559.  
Awarded the Order of the Red Star.

Taylor charges Bentley's book differs from her public testimony as to when Gromov told her she had been awarded the Order of the Red Star. Bentley states that her book is incorrect on this point and had been changed by her publisher in order to make the events appear more graphic and to have more human interest. She says her testimony on this point is correct.

Bentley Re the Last Name of Bela Gold.

In 1948 Bentley named a William Gold and his wife, Sonia Gold, and one year later in testimony gave the names as Bela Gold and Sonia Gold. Bentley claims that she had heard Bela Gold's name given as Bill Gold and she, therefore, assumed his first name was William. She claims she thought she testified the individual's name was Bill Gold and she was somewhat doubtful that she ever gave it as Wm. Gold until her attention was directed to her testimony in 1948.

Discrepancy in Name of U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation.

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you, dated May 27, 1955, with which I furnished you a Photostat of the brief filed by William Henry Taylor on March 28, 1955, with the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board.

Elizabeth Bentley was interviewed June 3, 1955, at which time she was in Washington en route to Madison, Connecticut, from her teaching position in Louisiana. With respect to the various charges made by Taylor, Bentley said she had been very busy and while she had a copy of the charges, she had not had time to go over them in any detail. She indicated she was considerably disturbed over these charges and felt many of them were false.

The following represents Miss Bentley's answers to some of these charges:

Bentley Claimed Soviets Interested in RDX

Taylor charged Bentley testified in 1949 that the Soviets sought information and were interested in RDX. Taylor claims Bentley probably lifted this story from the newspapers as there was nothing secret about RDX.

Bentley states her only answer to this is that she was requested to obtain information on RDX. This indicated to her that the Soviets were interested in this information.

Nationality Origin of U. S. Government Officials

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It is charged that in 1949 Bentley gave some 40 to 50 people who worked for the United States Government were giving her information. She said practically all of these people were Communists and all were native-born citizens except two, the Silvermasters. Taylor charges ten persons named by Bentley were 193-25315, Americans.

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See cover memo Belmont to Boardman captioned "Elizabeth Bentley, Source of Info," 6/6/55, RJL:em

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Bentley states that she may have been slightly inconsistent on this point, but said when she testified she had not been thinking of persons such as Lauchlin Currie and Solomon Greenberg as naturalized citizens when she made the statement. She claimed she had not known that William Taylor was not native-born.

The Ovakimian Photograph

In her book, Bentley wrote that in May, 1941, Golos showed her an article and a photograph in the "New York Times" which stated a Russian engineer by the name of Ovakimian had been charged by the FBI with espionage. Taylor points out the "New York Times" did not contain a photograph of Ovakimian and, as a matter of fact, our check with other New York newspapers has failed to reflect any photograph of Ovakimian appeared in the press.

Bentley states all she knows is that Golos came to her with a newspaper and told her a photograph of Ovakimian was in the paper. She states she did not see the photograph, but assumed Golos was telling her the truth.

The Poolittle Raid on Tokyo

Bentley testified before a Senate committee in 1949 that she received information from Ullmann on B-29's. At one point she was asked whether she received information on the Poolittle raid and she said, "Yes," and the information was obtained from Ullmann.

Bentley at first claimed she did not understand what charge was being made here and when it was pointed out to her that it is charged by Taylor that the Poolittle raid occurred in April, 1942, and was made with B-25's and not with B-29's, she pointed out that any error made by her in this instance was caused by the questioning and that she had been talking about B-29's and raids made in the Pacific with B-29's and when one of the questioners spoke of the Poolittle raid, she must have assumed that it was a B-29 raid.

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D-Day

It is charged that Bentley has testified she knew in advance the date of D-Day and that she learned this information from Ullmann. Taylor quotes from General Eisenhower's book and other sources that D-Day was not known to General Eisenhower in advance and, therefore, could not have been known to others.

Bentley insists that her testimony on this matter is correct and that she learned from Ullmann at least four days in advance the scheduled date for D-Day. She said it was her understanding that Ullmann won a bet on this and while he did not get the date exactly, he was within one day of D-Day and, therefore, collected on the bet.

Earl Browder and Espionage

Taylor charged that Bentley has told different versions of the origin of the Silvermaster group in July, 1941, and has pointed out Golos told her he had received from Earl Browder the name of a man interested in getting help to Russia. She testified this person was Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. Taylor points out that Browder was in prison in July, 1941, and, therefore, could not possibly have told Golos the name of Silvermaster.

Bentley states this charge is ridiculous and she is at a loss to understand why people do not understand that Browder's information was given to Golos much earlier than July, 1941, and that Silvermaster had been told to lie low and to get his group in readiness at an earlier date.

In connection with this same charge, it is also alleged that Bentley obtained data from the Silvermaster group on exposed but undeveloped film and yet she says she furnished some of this information to Earl Browder. It is charged Bentley has been inconsistent in this.

Bentley also claims this charge is ridiculous. She states that not all information she obtained from the Silvermaster group was put on film and even when the data was put on film, she was told the contents of the information as the photography occasionally was not good and it had been necessary for the Soviets to come back to her to have the documents again.

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photographed by the Silvermaster group. Bentley advised she was obtaining data from others than the Silvermaster group which was also made available to Browder.

Allegations Concerning Bentley  
Being Awarded the Order of the Red Star

Taylor charges Bentley's book differs from her public testimony as to when Cronov told her she had been awarded the Order of the Red Star.

Bentley states that her book is incorrect on this point and had been changed by her publisher in order to make the events appear more graphic and to have more human interest. She says her testimony on this point is correct.

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The foregoing is furnished to you for your information in connection with any analysis you may be making of the charges made by William Henry Taylor.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LB*

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: June 9, 1955

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George Sokolsky advised me this morning that he was very much disturbed over the action of Internal Revenue proceeding against Elizabeth Bentley; that he was personally calling T. Coleman Andrews to see what could be worked out; that Elizabeth Bentley is penniless and if she does owe a large income tax bill which is in arrears then he thinks that it is incumbent upon a few people like himself to raise the money and pay it off in view of the contributions Elizabeth Bentley has made.

I told George that this, of course, was a matter that was wholly out of our control and there was nothing we could do about the matter. George thoroughly understood this. George incidentally advised me that Ben Mandel had been instrumental in raising \$1200. to send to Paul Crouch who was in bad shape in a Honolulu hospital.

cc - Mr. Boardman

cc - Mr. Belmont

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• ADDENDUM: LBN:arm 6/9/55. George Sokolsky subsequently informed me that he had talked to T. Coleman Andrews who did not know of the Elizabeth Bentley action. He replied that she had probably not been cooperative. Sokolsky replied this was probably true but that the kind of publicity Andrews would get would do more harm than good. Andrews further commented that it was even more important because the action against Bentley would hurt "our cause," meaning the anti-Communist cause. It is noted that UP ticker carried an item coming out of Opelousas, Louisiana, on the afternoon of June 9, 1955,

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RE: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

which stated as follows: "The Federal Government has filed a \$3,790 tax lien against Elizabeth Bentley, self-confessed former courier for a Communist spy ring in New York and Washington, it was learned.

"According to Records in the Clerk of Court's Office, the lien was slapped on the one-time star witness for Congressional investigating committees for unpaid taxes in 1951.

"Miss Bentley, a teacher at Sacred Heart College in Grand Coteau south of here, was not available for comment. The college reported she does not teach during the summer months."

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 6/14/55

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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Bob Morris informed me that William Rogers had called him and apologized for the manner in which the Elizabeth Bentley case was handled; that apparently everybody got worried at Internal Revenue but the people in the field doing the work, however, Internal Revenue will be reasonable and will negotiate the matter.

Bob stated that he had talked to Miss Bentley; that she was somewhat demanding, however, she is willing to negotiate.

George Sokolsky told me that it would probably be necessary for the group in New York to raise sufficient funds to take care of Miss Bentley's income tax delinquencies.

cc - Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

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WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR  
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated  
May 24, 1955, in this matter.

In accordance with your request, there is attached  
a Photostat of the pretrial examination of Elizabeth T.  
Bentley taken in New York City on September 7, 1949, in  
connection with Civil Action Number 47-534. It will be noted  
the Photostat consists of two sections covering the morning  
and afternoon sessions of the examination.

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NOTE: Dept. in memo requested copies of certain documents  
referred to by Taylor in his statement before the  
International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board in March,  
1955. Document being forwarded is last of 4 documents requested  
by Dept. Other documents requested by Dept. were previously  
forwarded.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *lv*

DATE: June 24, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ahb*SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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Reference is made to my memorandum of June 8, 1955, concerning the income tax difficulties of Bentley with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and your telephone call of June 23, 1955, requesting that Liaison make a discreet inquiry at IRS to determine if someone with that Service was pushing this action against Bentley.

Bentley's tax situation is the result of a routine tax examination and assessment handled by the Audit Division of the New York office of IRS. The additional tax assessment of \$3,790 was routinely referred to the Collection Division, New York office of IRS, and subsequently referred to the Dallas Regional Office of IRS for collection by the New Orleans, Louisiana, District Office. This is a type of matter that is handled at a field level with no record being maintained at the national office of IRS.

On June 23, 1955, our Liaison Representative discussed this matter with John Potts Barnes, Chief Counsel, IRS. Barnes advised that Deputy Attorney General Rogers called David Kendall, Chief Counsel, Treasury Department, several weeks ago concerning the Bentley matter. Kendall in turn called Barnes and instructed him to contact the Regional Commissioner, Dallas, for the purpose of having the Bentley matter handled quietly and to make every effort to be of assistance to Bentley concerning this matter. According to Barnes, the instructions somewhere between the Regional Commissioner and the District Director at New Orleans became confused. Barnes pointed out that Bentley, when approached by collection agents, New Orleans, refused to talk to the agents. Thereupon, the agents handled the item "routinely" by attaching Bentley's bank account.

Barnes further advised that Deputy Attorney General Rogers, subsequent to the above action, has been in touch with Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews concerning the Bentley situation; that Andrews returned yesterday (June 23, 1955)

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Memo to Mr. Boardman  
from Mr. Belmont

RE: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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from a New York trip during which Andrews had planned to see George Sokolsky, the noted newspaper columnist, concerning Bentley's tax difficulties. Barnes stated that Andrews has instructed that Bentley should be interviewed by an IRS representative who has tact and diplomacy and that her difficulties should be discussed in detail with her (1) for the purpose of giving her an opportunity to pay the tax assessment in installments and (2) to re-examine Bentley's tax returns to determine whether the additional assessment is justified. Barnes pointed out that Andrews is now handling this matter and that he is awaiting additional instructions from Andrews as a result of the latter's discussion with George Sokolsky.

Barnes concluded by stating that it was unfortunate that the matter had gotten out of control as he was sure that the Commissioner and he wanted to give every possible assistance within the law to Bentley in this instance.

ACTION:

*DR* Liaison will follow with IRS.

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Miss Gandy	_____

TO :  
FROM :  
SUBJECT :

DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: June 23, 1955

SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

ATTENTION: ASST. DIRECTOR

On June 21, 1955 Miss BENTLEY was interviewed by SAs SALVATORE P. DUCIBELLA and CHARLES E. SANDALL at her summer residence, the home of Mrs. GEORGE POIROT, Lovers Lane, North Madison, Connecticut in connection with several espionage investigations. At the conclusion of the interview, Miss BENTLEY discussed in considerable detail her present difficulty with the Internal Revenue Service over alleged back taxes in the amount of some \$3,700. Her attitude toward efforts of that Service to collect the back taxes is such that I feel you should be apprised of her remarks made to the interviewing Agents.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she has discussed her tax problem with Supervisor ROBERT LAMPHERE of the Bureau and also talked with Assistant to the Director L.B. NICHOLS on her way to Connecticut from Louisiana on or about June 5, 1955. Therefore, certain of her remarks made to the interviewing Agents will possibly be repetitious but are included herein in the event she did not make these remarks to the above Bureau representatives.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she was notified by the Internal Revenue Bureau in about 1952 that she had not fully paid income taxes for the year 1951 and owed approximately \$3,700. She took this claim up with her attorney, ROBERT MORRIS, former counsel for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, now located in New York City. He advised her that the claim would be taken care of and that she should sit tight. The following year, a similar demand was submitted by the Internal Revenue Service and she received the same advice from her attorney. Several weeks ago, a representative of the Internal Revenue Service came to her at Lafayette, Louisiana and demanded a list of her assets. She advised him that she was unable to supply same as her assets were located in Connecticut and that this claim was being handled by her attorney in New York City. She requested that the Internal Revenue Service representative contact her attorney but, according to Miss BENTLEY, this agent was very rude, curt and antagonistic. She advised him that she was in the midst of financial difficulties at the school in which she was teaching and had no time to get the required information or to get the necessary funds to pay the tax claim.

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cc: 2 - New Orleans (RM) (Info)



Miss BENTLEY then departed from Lafayette, Louisiana driving North with an elderly woman. After stopping in Washington, D.C. to notify FBI representatives of her tax situation, she arrived in North Madison, Connecticut to find that several checks she had written on her account in Louisiana had been returned by the bank. She was notified by her bank, the Bank of Sunset and Trust Company under date of June 2, 1955 that her account had been charged in the amount of \$230.76 (her balance) and funds delivered to the Director of Internal Revenue as per notice of levy served on the bank that date. She was furnished with a copy of the levy by the Internal Revenue Service dated June 2, 1955 signed by the District Director of Internal Revenue and the Senior Collection Officer (Form 668-A Rev. 1-55).

Miss BENTLEY advised that the action of the Internal Revenue Service has placed her in a most embarrassing position, not only from the standpoint of depriving her of her subsistence during the forthcoming summer months but making it almost impossible to return to Louisiana to resume teaching next Fall. She stated that the fact that the levy on her funds was made public to the newspapers has damaged her reputation in the vicinity of her employment.

Interviewing Agents advised Miss BENTLEY that her tax problems was a matter between her and the Internal Revenue Service and should be worked out by her and her attorney. She understood the Bureau's position in this situation, but stated that she feels that the attack on her through her income tax records has been inspired and directed by some person in the Treasury Department in an effort to eliminate her permanently as a potential government witness. She spoke of the HARRY DEXTER WHITE case as being of great concern to the present Administration and of her importance as a witness in this case. She alluded to the WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR case as one receiving current Administration attention and she feels that someone in the Treasury Department who is in sympathy with TAYLOR is out to get her.

Miss BENTLEY stated that if she is not protected by Government in her present tax situation, she will be forced to "blow the lid off the Administration". She remarked that she had never wrongfully intended to defraud the government out of taxes due it, but had put her financial records annually in the hands of an accountant who assured her that he knew what he was doing. She is willing to settle with the government and pay what taxes are actually due, but she strongly objects to high-handed methods in seizing her meager funds to prevent her from existing. She mentioned that she has never capitalized financially from her assistance to the government as some ex-informers have. She added that she has no assets to speak of at present, as proof that she did not benefit from her cooperative role.

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Miss BENTLEY concluded that she is considering writing to U.S. Senator KARL MUNDT and to Congressman WEBER of Louisiana, with both of whom she has worked and cooperated. This memorandum is being prepared to advise you of Miss BENTLEY's contemplated action in regard to contacting her friends in Congress, in the event you may receive any inquiry from these persons.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 24, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
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SAC Joe Casper called from New Haven at 2:30 p.m. today (June 24). He advised he had sent the Bureau a letter on June 23 which furnishes the details of an interview by New Haven Agents with Elizabeth Bentley at North Madison, Connecticut. During this interview, Bentley went into the details of her trouble with the Internal Revenue Service and pointed out that she had discussed her problem with Mr. Nichols and Mr. Lamphere of the Bureau earlier this month. She said she is broke and nothing has been done and that she was thinking in terms of issuing a press release. (The letter from New Haven has not yet been received.) Rec'd & attached

Casper said that Bentley had just called him, very much excited, and said she is going to give a release to the papers "to blow the lid off the administration." She said that on the one hand she has given cooperation to the Government to the fullest extent possible, while on the other hand the Government, through the Treasury Department, has caused her to lose her job and her reputation.

Casper said that Bentley's excitement is caused by the fact that today she received a letter from the Sister of the Sacred Heart School in Louisiana where she has been employed, asking her to resign because of the adverse publicity to the school resulting from Treasury Department action against Bentley's account. Further, it appears that several checks that Bentley wrote on this account, while she thought it was good, have "bounced" because of the attachment. Bentley also received in the mail a request to appear before the William Henry Taylor hearing on July 13, 1955. This is dated June 15, 1955, and was sent to New Orleans and just reached Bentley. It is signed by T. Paul Fairbanks, Executive Secretary of the

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cc--Mr. Boardman  
cc--Mr. Nichols  
cc--Mr. Belmont  
cc--Mr. Brantigan  
cc--Mr. Lamphere

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Memorandum to  
Mr. L. V. Boardman

6/24/55

Re: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

U. S. Civil Service Commission, International Organization Employees Loyalty Board, Washington, D. C. Bentley said she plans to write to Fairbanks and tell him she will not testify as she has not had time to prepare nor has she the funds. Casper said Bentley said she is broke.

I talked to Mr. Nichols about this, and we agreed that he should call Judge Morris, who is taking an active interest in this matter. Mr. Nichols will suggest that Judge Morris call Bentley and calm her down, inasmuch as a public release by her will certainly not help her nor her cause. Judge Morris will not indicate that his call is connected in any way with the FBI.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Casper  
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Instructions  
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1. It is recommended that I call SAC Casper and tell him to contact Bentley and advise her that her problem with Internal Revenue Service has been taken up with Internal Revenue at a high level and that Internal Revenue is considering her whole problem sympathetically and that any untoward action on her part would not assist her in her problem.

2. It is recommended further that Casper be authorized to furnish Bentley \$100.00. This would be for value received, inasmuch as we have been interviewing Bentley on a number of occasions and have not paid her for well over a year.

✓ OK.  
\$5.  
Send memo to  
A. G. & Rogers  
J. H.  
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Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Lamphere  
Mr. Schweppe

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

June 27, 1955

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Director, FBI

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

Reference is made to our memorandum of May 24, 1955, regarding the recent demands of the Internal Revenue Service that Bentley pay an item in dispute.

This is to advise that on June 24, 1955, Bentley contacted representatives of our New Haven Office and advised them that she was going to issue a press release "to blow the lid off the administration." She indicated that although she had cooperated with the Government to the fullest extent possible, nevertheless the Government, through the Internal Revenue Service, had caused her to lose her job and her reputation.

Bentley's remarks directly above is based on the fact that on June 24, 1955, she received a letter from the Sister of the Sacred Heart School in Louisiana, where she had been employed. This letter requested her to resign because of the adverse publicity to that school caused by the Treasury Department's action against Bentley's bank account. Specifically Bentley's bank, the Bank of Sunset and Trust Company under date of June 2, 1955, charged her account in the amount of \$280.76 (her balance) and delivered those funds to the Director of Internal Revenue as per notice of levy served on that bank on that date. Bentley in the meantime found out that several checks she had written on her account, which she thought was good, had been returned by the bank. Bentley advised that she is willing to settle her tax account with the Government but that she has no assets to speak of at present.

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**Letter to the Attorney General**

Bentley had also received a request to appear before the William Henry Taylor hearing on July 13, 1955. This letter was dated June 15, 1955, and was signed by T. Paul Fairbanks, Executive Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board, Washington, D. C. Bentley advised she plans to communicate with Fairbanks and inform him she will not testify since she has not had time to prepare to testify and since she has no funds to pay for her travel and expenses.

It is our understanding that the Internal Revenue Service intends to re-examine this entire matter and contemplates further contact with Elizabeth Bentley. In view of the foregoing, Miss Bentley has been informed that she should give this matter extremely careful consideration before compromising her position by any rash action.

The above is being referred to you for your information.

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General

cc - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

NOTE: This letter is written in response to the notation of the Director, "Send memo to AG and Rogers," which was noted on the memo of Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman dated 6-24-55 bearing this caption and attached hereto.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE 6/24/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (134-690)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ReBulet 6/1/55.

One copy each of the following is enclosed for the Bureau and offices receiving this letter (one copy each being retained by WFO):

Senate, Internal Security Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary, Hearings on Institute of Pacific Relations, Part II, August 9, 14, 16, 20, 22, and 23, 1951.

Senate, Internal Security Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary, Hearings on Interlocking Subversion in Government Departments, Part 16, November-December, 1953.

Senate, Internal Security Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary, report on Interlocking Subversion in Government Departments, July 30, 1953.

Concerning copies of other hearings mentioned in reBulet inquiry at Government Printing Office revealed that they are out of print. Contact with appropriate Congressional committees revealed that they have no extra copies. No contact made with Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments (Government Operations Committee) in view of the instructions in Bulet 5/18/55 entitled HARRY LEV, et al, FAG; CONSPIRACY; BRIBERY, that no contact be made without Bureau approval.

The Department of Justice Library has bound copies of the hearings; however, they are presently charged out to Mr. B. S. TAYLOR of the Internal Security Branch, DJ.

A review of the hearings, which WFO has been unable to obtain, at the Library of Congress reveals that BENTLEY's testimony

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covers approximately 178 pages; therefore, WFO is not making efforts to have the Congressional committees prepare Photostats at this time in view of the expense involved.

WFO believes the Bureau may desire to arrange with DJ to secure desired copies of BENTLEY testimony.

No further action contemplated by WFO at this time.



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The Washington Field office should take the necessary steps to obtain Photostats of the other portions of Bentley's testimony through procuring copies of the various hearings from the Department of Justice library.

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ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

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June 28, 1955

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

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Reference is made to our memorandum of June 27, 1955, which set forth certain information regarding the subject's current problem with the Internal Revenue Service.

For your further information, Miss Bentley advised a representative of this Bureau on June 25, 1955, that her prime objective at this time was to be reinstated in her teaching position at Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau, Louisiana. In order to accomplish the above, according to Bentley, it would be necessary that a responsible Government official of either the Treasury Department or the Justice Department immediately contact Mother Superior Lapere at Sacred Heart. It would be necessary to advise her that Bentley's tax status had been resolved and to express regrets for the adverse publicity which appeared in Louisiana newspapers concerning Bentley and Sacred Heart. Bentley believes such action would forestall the appointment of a replacement in Bentley's position and thereby allow her to return to her teaching position next fall. Miss Bentley again threatened to advise the press of what had happened to her and to severely criticize the Government in its lack of effort to save her reputation. Miss Bentley agreed to withhold any such press release for the moment but expressed great concern since she felt any delay in contacting Mother Superior Lapere might cause Bentley's teaching position to be filled by a replacement.

I thought you would want to be kept advised concerning developments in this matter. We have advised Miss Bentley that her comments have been brought to the attention of appropriate authorities.

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cc'd Mr. William P. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General  
Assistant Attorney General  
William P. Tompkins

NOTE: JAI cover memo from Belmont to Boardman was prepared by HWS:mjp on 6-28-55 in connection with this outgoing.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: 7/6/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (134-690)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Re WFO letter 6/24/55 and Bulet 6/28/55.

Photostats of BENTLEY's testimony before the following committees enclosed for the Bureau and offices receiving this letter (copies being retained by WFO):

Senate, Investigations Subcommittee of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, Hearings on Export Policy and Loyalty, July 30, 1948.

House, Committee on Un-American Activities, Hearings regarding Communist Espionage in the United States Government, July 31, August 4-9-10-11-12-13, 1948.

Senate, Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization of the Committee on the Judiciary, Hearings on Communist Activities Among Aliens and National Groups, May 13, 1949.

House, Subcommittee of Committee on Un-American Activities, Hearings regarding Communism in the United States Government - Part I, May 6, 1950.

Senate Subcommittee on Government Operations Abroad of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations, Hearings on Transfer of Occupation Currency Plates - Espionage Phase, October 20 and 21, 1953.

The above photostats were made from the bond copies of the hearings registered in the Department of Justice Library.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 27, 1955

FROM : *4* L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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In line with my conversation with Mr. Belmont on Friday afternoon, June 24, 1955, I talked to Bob Morris regarding the possibility of his talking to Elizabeth Bentley and quieting her down on her income tax situation. Morris did not have her number and did not know how to reach her so after checking with our New Haven office, Elizabeth Bentley's telephone number was furnished to him. For future reference, Elizabeth Bentley's telephone number is Circle 5-9502, c/o Miss J. A. Poirot, Madison, Connecticut.

Morris later informed me he did not call Miss Bentley Saturday afternoon as he had had a most unsatisfactory conversation with T. Coleman Andrews, Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Morris stated that William Rogers had told him that he would call Andrews; that everything had been worked out and that he could act as an intermediary. However, when Morris got ahold of Andrews, Andrews spoke as if the Bentley case was news to him; that the first he had heard of the Bentley case was when he spoke to George Sokolsky earlier in the week; that he had checked Internal Revenue and there was no record of intervention. Before Morris could even carry on negotiations with the Internal Revenue, it would be necessary for him to have power of attorney which would be a matter of record in Internal Revenue. Morris stated he was dumbfounded so he merely recounted to Andrews his conversations with William Rogers and the instructions Rogers had given to him, and he told Andrews that he, Morris, had even been given the name of the Counsel in Internal Revenue who would carry on the negotiations.

Morris further stated he later talked to Mr. Rogers who told him that Andrews was resentful that the matter regarding Elizabeth Bentley had not been taken up with him first, and Rogers was trying to work out something further.

Morris further stated that Elizabeth Bentley had called him over the weekend and that he had told her that he was coming to Washington on Wednesday to personally look into the matter.

Morris told me that in his conversation with Rogers it was agreed that they should endeavor to get Internal Revenue to put out a story on a local basis in the South that the filing of the lien was all a mistake.

cc: Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols  
RE: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

While talking to William Rogers on other matters on the afternoon of June 27, 1955, he brought up the Bentley matter with me. He stated that when Bentley's income tax problems were first called to his attention, he had talked to David Kendall, General Counsel of the Treasury Department, as he felt this would be more fitting and proper than to go directly to Andrews; and apparently Andrews was piqued over not being approached directly. I told Rogers that it was our understanding that Elizabeth Bentley had been notified last Friday that she was to lose her job at the Convent in Louisiana, and that she had been requested on the same day to appear and give testimony in the William Henry Taylor case before the United Nations Loyalty Hearing Board; that she had threatened to issue statements denouncing the Administration but she had calmed down somewhat. I told Rogers that this, of course, was not a matter within our jurisdiction but that it should be remembered that the basic case against the so-called White Collar Underground in Washington rested on Bentley and Whittaker Chambers. Rogers stated that he was not underestimating the importance of this situation and that he would try and get the matter worked out with the Treasury Department.

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ATTN. ASST. DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE. RENHTEL SIX DASH TWENTY SEVEN

LAST, AND TELCAL FROM INSPEC. JOHN MC GUIRE THIS DATE. TODAY BENTLEY

ADVISED SHE HAD JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM MOTHER SUPERIOR LAPERRE,

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Mr. Belmont

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ATTN: CASSET DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, RENHTEL SIX DASH TWENTY SEVEN LAST, AND TELCAL FROM INSP. JOHN MC GUIRE THIS DATE. TODAY BENTLEY ADVISED SHE HAD JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM MOTHER SUPERIOR LAPERE, SACRED HEART COLLEGE WHICH WAS IN REPLY TO A RECENT LETTER FROM BENTLEY AND ADVISED BENTLEY THAT SCHOOL WOULD CONSIDER REINSTATING HER IF A PROPER GOVERNMENT SOURCE WERE TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT BENTLEY-S TAX STATUS WAS BEING PROPERLY AND EQUITABLY HANDLED BY BENTLEY PAREN AS BENTLEY HAD RECENTLY WRITTEN HER PAREN. BENTLEY ON THIS OCCASION AGAIN EXPRESSED GREAT IMPATIENCE AND INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND WHY THIS MATTER HASNT BEEN HANDLED AS SET FORTH IN NH TEL OF SIX DASH TWENTY SEVEN LAST, STATING TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. NH ENCOUNTERING INCREASED DIFFICULTY IN HANDLING BENTLEY WHO CONTINUES TO DEMAND WHAT ACTION WASHINGTON IS TAKING IN SETTLING TAX SITUATION AND ISSUING PUBLIC RELEASE TO UNDO HARM DONE BY PRESS WHEN TREASURY ORIGINALLY LEVIED ON HER. AS A RESULT OF RE TELCAL TODAY BENTLEY AGAIN CONTACTED AND ADVISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSP. MC GUIRES INSTRUCTIONS. BENTLEY EXPRESSED GREAT RELIEF AND GRATITUDE TO BUREAU FOR ALL IT HAS DONE ON HER BEHALF.

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Reference is made to my memorandum of June 28, 1955, which set forth certain developments concerning Miss Bentley's current problem with the Internal Revenue Service and with her former employer, Sacred Heart College in Grand Coteau, Louisiana.

For your information, on July 2, 1955, Miss Bentley advised a representative of this Bureau that she had received a letter that day from Mother Superior Lapere of Sacred Heart College. This letter was in reply to a recent communication from Miss Bentley and indicated that Sacred Heart College would consider reinstating her if a proper Government source were to acknowledge publicly the fact that Miss Bentley's tax status was being properly handled by her. Miss Bentley again expressed great impatience and an inability to understand why this matter hasn't been handled already. She indicated that time was of the essence in dealing with Mother Superior Lapere regarding Bentley's reinstatement to her former teaching position.

Upon receipt of information from Mr. Minor of the Department of Justice, Miss Bentley was advised later on July 2, 1955, for her personal and confidential information, that assurance had been received that no action would be taken at Sacred Heart College at this time regarding her dismissal from the staff. Miss Bentley seemed relieved to hear this and expressed her gratitude for the assistance offered her in this matter.

The foregoing is for your further information and assistance in connection with this matter.

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cc Mr. William F. Tompkins

Deputy Attorney General

cc Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Assistant Attorney General

William F. Tompkins

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**Memorandum for the Attorney General**

**NOTE:**

This letter is written in response to the notation of the Director, "Send memo to AG, Rogers and Tompkins," which was noted on New Haven teletype 7/2/55, in this matter, and attached hereto.

On 7/1/55 Robert Minor of the Dept. advised Inspector J.J. McGuire that the Dept had the assurance of the Mother Superior at Sacred Heart College that the college would not take any action to dismiss Bentley at this time.

(See Memo from Nichols to Tolson 7/5/55 captioned "Elizabeth T. Bentley, Security Informant")

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (134-435)

FROM : SAC, New Haven (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
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DATE: 6-24-55

ATTN.: ASST. DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

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Re telephone call to Asst. Director A. H. BELMONT 6-24-55

On June 24, 1955, Miss BENTLEY was again interviewed at her request by SA SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA and SA CHARLES E. SANDALL at her summer residence in Madison, Connecticut, at which time she exhibited a letter which she had just received from T. PAUL FAIRBANK, Executive Secretary of the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board of the United States Civil Service Commission dated June 15, 1955 (which letter had been originally forwarded to BENTLEY'S address at the College of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, Louisiana).

This letter advised BENTLEY that a panel of the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board would convene on Wednesday, July 13, 1955, at 10:00 A.M., Room 214, main Civil Service Building, Washington, D. C., to hear testimony re WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, an employee of the International Monetary Fund, whose case is being considered by this Board pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 10422, as amended.

The letter invited BENTLEY to appear and testify in the presence of TAYLOR and his counsel, BYRON N. SCOTT, as to BENTLEY'S knowledge of TAYLOR, pointing out that TAYLOR and his counsel would have the right to cross examine BENTLEY.

The letter continued, noting that in February 1954 the former Chairman of this Loyalty Board, PIERCE J. GERETY called BENTLEY by long distance phone requesting her to appear and testify before the Board and that BENTLEY declined to appear at that time.

The letter continued that BENTLEY was again being requested to appear before the Board inasmuch as a newspaper article appearing in the New York Post of April 20, 1955 written by one WILLIAM V. SHANNON contained the following:

"Miss Bentley said she heard of Scott's exhaustive analysis of her testimony and writings in a 107 page brief filed with the Civil Service Commission's Loyalty Board for International Employees on 3/28 and would issue no reply even if a summary

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cc N.H.

6/30/55

c.c. Brandy

memo R.G.  
cc Rogers  
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"of his charges were sent to her. She said she would testify if called by a Loyalty Board".

Relative to the above letter Miss BENTLEY advised that she planned to write Mr. FAIRBANK stating as a private American citizen she would like very much to help but because her time and resources were so limited it would be impossible for her to appear before the Board and testify. Further, that she was devoting what little funds and time she had to helping the Government (meaning the FBI.)

Relative to the above letter, Miss BENTLEY pointed out:

- 1) That PIERCE J. GERETY, above mentioned, had telephoned her in February 1954 asking her to meet privately with him and other members of his committee and asked her at that time if she had received a subpoena to appear in the WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR libel suit in Washington, D. C., against a Washington newspaper, stating that TAYLOR had told the Board that he had subpoenaed her. BENTLEY advised that she told GERETY that she had received no such subpoena from TAYLOR. GERETY then told BENTLEY that the Loyalty Board had agreed to delay the TAYLOR hearing but would like to meet with BENTLEY privately to get the inside story and information from her relative to TAYLOR and that this would be an off the record meeting. GERETY told BENTLEY that he was a friend of Senator KARL MUNDT. BENTLEY stated that she could not give GERETY an answer at that time and would need a week to let him know. She stated she thereupon contacted Senator MUNDT, who is a friend of hers and he advised her he had no knowledge of GERETY'S identity. BENTLEY stated that she thereafter learned that GERETY was a friend of BYRON N. SCOTT, counsel to TAYLOR and she thereafter advised GERETY that she would be unwilling to see him in the secret manner as he had requested.
- 2) Relative to the New York Post article above mentioned, BENTLEY stated that in April of 1955 she received a phone call from an unidentified individual stating that he was with the New York Post and asked her if she was acquainted with the detailed analysis of her testimony and writings made by TAYLOR'S counsel. BENTLEY advised this person that she knew of such a thing but had no opportunity to study it. She stated that the New York Post person then asked her if she would testify if subpoenaed and she replied that any American citizen who was subpoenaed would appear and testify as a matter of course. BENTLEY pointed

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out that her answer to the New York Post was completely misinterpreted in the newspaper article of April 20, 1955.

Subsequent to furnishing the above information on the morning of June 24, 1955, Miss BENTLEY telephonically contacted SA DUCIBELLA at the New Haven Office at 2:25 P.M., and advised that she had just received a letter from the Mother Superior of the College of the Sacred Heart, advising her that the school was forced to drop her from the faculty because of the adverse publicity resulting to BENTLEY'S and the school's reputation by the newspaper publicity of the Federal Government's filing a tax levy against her for failure to pay 1951 taxes. The letter pointed out that while the school officials had complete faith in BENTLEY'S sincerity and the honesty of her position that it was in a precarious financial condition and that it was unable to take the risk of continuing her on the faculty in view of the many adverse criticisms already received resulting from the above newspaper publicity. The letter included an AP dispatch from a local newspaper relative to this tax matter.

BENTLEY pointed out that this tax situation has resulted in her being deprived of what little funds she has had and now has resulted in the loss of her job. BENTLEY again noted that the actions of the Internal Revenue Service have placed her in such an embarrassing position as to cause her to lose her means of livelihood and that the tax levy on her funds has left her penniless. BENTLEY again stated with great emotion that if she is not protected by the Government in her present tax situation she will be forced to "blow the lid off the Administration" and stated that she would settle for nothing else than a full apology from the Internal Revenue Service which should be published in the Louisiana papers so as to re-establish her reputation in that area so that she could be in a position to seek reinstatement of her college teaching position.

While it was pointed out to Miss BENTLEY that this matter was not within the province of the Department of Justice, it was impressed upon Miss BENTLEY that she should remain calm and not make any public issue of the matter until an opportunity had been had to acquaint the Department of Justice in Washington of the situation and give the Department sufficient

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time to take whatever steps might appropriately be taken by them in an effort to assist her.

This office will make every effort to maintain amicable relations with Miss BENTLEY and keep her from making any public statement which will further complicate this situation. Miss BENTLEY has become emotionally upset about this problem and apparently so fears for the security of her future livelihood that it is becoming increasingly difficult to talk with her.

The New Haven Office would appreciate being advised of any developments in this matter as soon as possible in order that we may be in a position to properly handle Miss BENTLEY.

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Director, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

Reurmemo 6-24-55. The following instructions and observations are for your guidance in connection with contacts with Elizabeth Bentley and her current problems with the Internal Revenue Service.

Bentley previously has been informed by a Bureau representative that the Bureau is not in any way responsible for her current difficulties with the Internal Revenue Service and the only action the Bureau will take is to see that appropriate Government officials are advised of her views and statements. You should adhere to this position. The Bureau has been informed that the Internal Revenue Service intends to re-examine Bentley's tax problem.

The question of whether Bentley appears before the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board in connection with the William Henry Taylor case is a decision for Bentley to make and the Bureau will not counsel her in connection with this matter.

You should promptly furnish to the Bureau any further information coming to your attention concerning the foregoing matters inasmuch as the Bureau is keeping appropriate officials of the Department of Justice informed of this matter.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V. K. B.*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LBN*

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: July 5, 1955

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Judge Robert Morris called me today to advise that David Kendall, the General Counsel of the Treasury Department, had called him on July 5, 1955, to advise that the procedure has now been worked out with Internal Revenue for him to proceed in the handling of Elizabeth Bentley's tax difficulties.

Apparently the regulations of the Internal Revenue Bureau require the third party to have the power of attorney. Morris could not function under a power of attorney since he is on the bench. Kendall stated, however, that the power of attorney could be limited by specific phraseology by pointing out that Morris was acting in a friendly way and not as a counsel and that his intervention was not pursuant to the practice of law. Kendall told him that as soon as he had the power of attorney to let him know and to also get in touch with Coleman Andrews.

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cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V.P. 10/1*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *part*

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: July 5, 1955 *at*

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For record purposes, in my absence Friday night, July 1, 1955, Bob Minor of the Department called my office advising cryptically that he had the assurance from the senior lady that she will not take any action to dismiss the other woman in whom we were interested. What Minor had in mind here was the contact made through the Department with the nun in charge at the Sacred Heart Convent in Louisiana where Elizabeth Bentley has been employed.

Accordingly, I had SAC Casper in New Haven contacted telephonically Saturday, July 2, 1955, and instructed to have the Agent handling Miss Bentley get in touch with her at once to inform her for her personal and confidential information that we had received advice that no action would be taken at the convent regarding any dismissal of her services. Miss Bentley was to be informed that we just wanted her to know of this assurance and that there was nothing that she should do. Casper stated he would have this done at once; that he had just heard earlier Saturday from the Agent handling Miss Bentley that she had received a letter from the Sister Superior at the Sacred Heart Convent indicating that the convent would not dismiss Miss Bentley if there was some public statement made or assurances given that she was not involved in any trouble with the Government concerning her income tax matters. Casper stated that Miss Bentley was somewhat upset and word now from the Bureau that no action would be taken should greatly calm down Miss Bentley. Casper stated he would see that she was contacted and he would submit a teletype to the Bureau later Saturday afternoon.

cc: Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols ✓

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: June 29, 1955

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In line with Mr. Belmont's memorandum dated June 28, 1955, William Rogers is out of town until Friday afternoon and so I mentioned the substance of Miss Bentley's position to Robert Minor. Minor stated that he knew that Mr. Rogers had been talking to David Kendall, General Counsel of the Treasury Department, and he would contact Kendall.

In this connection, Robert Morris was in town on June 29, 1955, and I spoke to him briefly. He also talked to David Kendall who is going to talk to T. Coleman Andrews after Andrews returns to town Friday to see if this matter cannot be adjusted. Morris is going to try in his negotiations with the Internal Revenue to get the best possible adjustment he can for Elizabeth Bentley's income tax difficulties, and then George Sokolsky agreed to raise the necessary funds in order to get Miss Bentley squared away.

Morris also has written to the Mother Superior at the school where Bentley teaches in Louisiana interceding for Miss Bentley and pointing out that his wife's sister is the Mother Superior of a school operated by the same order in Puerto Rico.

Morris is also getting Godfrey Schmidt, New York attorney who at one time represented Elizabeth Bentley, to intercede on her behalf with church officials and in turn have the church officials intercede in Louisiana.

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cc: Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

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ADDENDUM: LBN:arm 6-30-55. Robert Minor in the Deputy Attorney General's office called me this morning to advise that he talked to David Kendall yesterday and that Kendall promised to talk to Coleman Andrews when he returns to the city on Friday and would try to get the Bentley matter resolved. Minor further

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

stated he had talked to the Attorney General who is concerned about the treatment of Bentley and the Attorney General told him to contact the Mother Superior at the Sacred Heart Academy at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, to intercede for Miss Bentley. Minor wanted the Mother Superior's name, which I gave him. I then asked Minor if he had given any thought to having the United States Attorney see the Mother Superior. He stated he had not but it would be a much better idea than telephoning her and he would get George Blue, the U.S. Attorney in New Orleans, to see the Mother Superior immediately and try to intercede on behalf of Elizabeth Bentley to save her job.

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Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Jensen

July 14, 1955

The Attorney General  
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Director, FBI

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

In connection with my previous memoranda to you in this matter concerning Elizabeth T. Bentley's tax problem with the Internal Revenue Service, Bentley has continued to express great anxiety and impatience that her tax problem has not been resolved by the Internal Revenue Service. Bentley has stated she is most anxious to immediately bring to a final solution her tax problem, claiming that the longer it rides the more difficult it will be to re-establish her reputation in Louisiana in view of the adverse publicity in that area which she claims was released by the Internal Revenue Service officials.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF  
DECLASSIFICATION  
DATE 3/11/78 BY [signature]

The foregoing is for your further information in connection with this matter.

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DECLASSIFIED BY 6428

cc - 1 - Mr. William P. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General ON 2/27/78

cc - 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, New Haven (134-40)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 7/9/55

Rebulet 7/5/55. BENTLEY has been advised of the Bureau's position in accordance with instructions in rebulet.

BENTLEY continues to express great anxiety and impatience that her tax problem has not been resolved by the Internal Revenue Service. She states that she is most anxious to immediately bring to a final solution her tax problem, claiming that the longer it rides the more difficult it will be to reestablish her reputation in Louisiana in view of the adverse publicity there which she claims was initially released by the local Internal Revenue officials.

BENTLEY has been very co-operative with New Haven Agents who have contacted her recently on four separate days in connection with leads in espionage matters and particularly in connection with the WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR case. In the latter case she has given two full days to Agents reviewing the 107 page TAYLOR analysis. She has agreed to be available for the additional time needed to review the TAYLOR analysis along with the necessary review of various other documents of the hearings in which her testimony and that of the Director and the Attorney General relating to BENTLEY have appeared. It is contemplated that this review may take two additional days.

In view of the fact that BENTLEY has continued her co-operation with the Bureau by giving generously of her time, and in view of the financial difficulties she appears to be presently experiencing, it is recommended that the Bureau give consideration to authorizing payment of an additional fifty dollars to BENTLEY. In this connection, BENTLEY has stated that she is glad to co-operate with the Bureau and does not want to be paid for such assistance as she may render. Nonetheless, it was noted that she expressed gratitude for the financial assistance recently rendered her.

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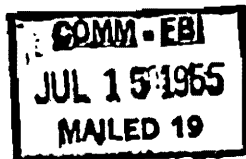
Reurlet 7-9-55.

The Bureau is aware of the current difficulties that Miss Bentley is experiencing. As you well know, the difficulties with the Internal Revenue Service have in no way been caused by the Bureau or its relationship with Bentley. It is not believed that the Bureau should interject itself into the midst of Bentley's difficulties by offering her additional funds at this time.

NOTE: New Haven by let 6-27-55 advised Bentley given \$100 on 6-25-55 with Bureau authority. New Haven let of 6-27-55 was attached to memo of 6-28-55 from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman which advised that information received from Bentley re her difficulties with Internal Revenue Service was being sent to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Director commented, "O.K. But we are not going to advance any more funds to her. We must keep in mind the fact that this matter is essentially one for the Department and we should not take it over nor master mind it. H."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
 CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

DATE: June 27, 1955

ATT: ASSIST. DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Mohr  
 Mr. Parsons  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tamm  
 Mr. Sizoo  
 Mr. Winterrowd  
 Mr. Nease  
 Mr. Gandy

Re telephone call from Inspector C. E. HENNRICH, 6/25/55 and New Haven Teletype to the Bureau dated 6/27/55.

On the evening of 6/25/55 Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY was contacted at her Summer residence at Madison, Connecticut and advised in accordance with the Bureau instructions received by the New Haven Office by referenced telephone call, i.e., that BENTLEY's tax situation was being handled on a high level by Treasury Department officials who were sympathetic to BENTLEY's position and BENTLEY was specifically requested not to take any public action at this time which would jeopardize the proper resolution of her tax situation at this time.

At this time Miss BENTLEY was also given \$100.00 in cash in accordance with the above referred to Bureau instructions and advised that these funds were being given to her in recognition of the time and assistance which she has recently been allocating to the Bureau Agents who have been calling on her in connection with various investigative matters. In this connection BENTLEY expressed gratitude for this assistance, stating that she was always glad to fully cooperate with the Bureau and give all the necessary time needed to help the Bureau in its work; further, that she did not want the Bureau to feel that she was only cooperating with the Bureau for a financial return, but nonetheless, she appreciated the Bureau's assistance to her in this regard at this time.

As will be noted in New Haven letter to the Bureau of 6/24/55, Miss BENTLEY had previously advised with great emotion that she expected the Federal Government to protect her in her present situation and that she would be forced to "blow the lid off the Administration" and that she would settle for nothing less than a full apology from the Internal Revenue Service which would be made public in the Louisiana press so as to re-establish her reputation in that area so that she could be in a position to seek reinstatement of her college teaching position. When recontacted on 6/25/55 BENTLEY again reiterated the above position with great emotion, stating that the prime objective at this time is for her to obtain reinstatement of her teaching position at the College of the Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau, Louisiana and that to effect this objective it was first essential that a responsible Government official of either the Treasury or Justice Department immediately contact Mother Superior LA PERRE at this College.

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to advise that BENTLEY's tax status had been resolved, that BENTLEY was not at fault in this matter inasmuch as she had placed her tax problems in the care of her Attorney, ROBERT MORRIS, of New York City who was in touch with the Internal Revenue authorities in New York relative to same and that the official should express regret for the adverse publicity relative to BENTLY and to the College which had appeared in the Louisiana press. BENTLEY stated that this was necessary to forestall the school making a new appointment of another person replacing BENTLEY on the faculty, pointing out that if another person were appointed this would prevent BENTLEY from obtaining a reinstatement of her teaching position.

BENTLEY reiterated her threat to go to the press and tell what had happened to her and to severely criticize the Government in an effort to save her own reputation. BENTLEY agreed to hold off for the present time, but expressed great anxiety lest her teaching position be given to some one else if there is any delay in taking the above step.

It was again pointed out to Miss BENTLEY that this matter was not within the province of this Bureau, however, it was impressed upon her that she should remain calm and not make any public issue which would complicate the situation until an opportunity had been had to acquaint the Department of Justice in Washington of the situation and to give the Department sufficient time to take whatever steps might appropriately be taken in an effort to assist her.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 28, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

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Attached is a memorandum from the Director to the Attorney General with a carbon copy for Mr. William P. Rogers, Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated June 28, 1955. This memorandum sets forth the details of Bentley's conversation with a representative of the New Haven office on 6-25-55. Bentley advised at that time that her prime objective now was to be reinstated in her teaching position at Sacred Heart in Grant Coteau, Louisiana. She wanted a responsible Justice or Treasury official to advise Mother Superior Lapere that Bentley's tax status had been resolved and to express regrets for the adverse publicity which appeared in the Louisiana newspapers concerning Bentley and Sacred Heart.

## ACTION:

In view of the fact that Mr. Nichols has been discussing this matter with Deputy Attorney General Rogers, it is suggested that Mr. Nichols may wish to inform Mr. Rogers orally of the contents of the attached memorandum today.

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Enclosure sent  
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cc - 1 - L. V. Boardman  
cc - 1 - A. H. Belmont  
cc - 1 - L. B. Nichols  
cc - 1 - H. W. Schweppe

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memo me Tolson

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J. R. [signature]

Seattle, Washington  
July 5, 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington - 25 District of Columbia

Dear Mr. Hoover

Re: Elizabeth Bentley

As to Miss Bentley among someone  
that is delinquent I have no  
comment to make regarding that  
part of attached clipping.

However I was most sorry to  
see her present address published  
as I feel that she did help a lot in  
convicting a number of people  
active communists.

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It is also hard for me to under-  
stand why communists papers are  
not openly on the streets of Seattle.

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# **U.S. Tax Lien Filed Against Elizabeth Bentley**

OPELOUSAS, La., June 9. —  
UP — The Internal Revenue  
Service has filed a tax lien  
against Elizabeth Bentley, for-  
mer Communist who turned  
government witness.

Records in the clerk of  
Court's office here today  
showed the lien is for \$3,790 in  
unpaid taxes during 1951.

Miss Bentley, who quit the  
Reds many years ago, is a  
teacher at the Sacred Heart  
College in nearby Grand Co-  
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Mrs. Ruth S. Quinby  
Post Office Box 6017  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Quinby:

Your letter dated July 5, 1955, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for bringing your interesting observations to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: No record Bufiles re correspondent, who enclosed clipping reflecting that Elizabeth Bentley had U. S. tax lien filed against her.

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*Mr. [unclear]*

Director, FBI (134-435)

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SAC, New Haven (134-40)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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Rebulet to New Haven, 5/26/55.

On 6/21/55 Miss ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY was interviewed at her summer residence in Madison, Connecticut, at which time she orally advised SA SALVATORE P. DUCIBELLA that she had no knowledge or recollection of any information pertaining to the individuals set forth in reBulet 1, e.,

LUCY KORNEI  
PHYLLIS HOPKINSON  
HELEN JASZI, nee HEINENANN  
SVEND LAURSEN  
JEANNE A. HEDLEY, nee BLODGETT  
SAM JOHN VAN HYNING  
HANS HERMANN LANDSBERG

Re: DONALD N. WHEELER

In evaluating the relationship and connection of the above individuals with DONALD N. WHEELER and Miss BENTLEY's lack of knowledge of these individuals, Miss BENTLEY furnished the following background information relative to her knowledge of DONALD N. WHEELER, pointing out that her relationship with WHEELER was so limited that he could have had close connections with the above individuals and the same would not come to her attention.

Miss BENTLEY related that in the Fall of 1943 when MARY PRICE, former secretary to WALTER LIPPMANN, returned to the United States from Mexico, PRICE was told to get a job at O.S.S. BENTLEY stated that PRICE reportedly almost landed an O.S.S. job, but some unknown hitch developed, PRICE got scared and went to New York City. Subsequently, it was learned that MARY PRICE had been turned down for the O.S.S. job because of her past Communist Party associations. BENTLEY was of the recollection that this fact became known to her through DUNCAN LEE.

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In this connection, BENTLEY related that she first became aware of DONALD N. WHEELER's activities in the PERLO group in March 1944, although his name had been mentioned in an indefinite and unconnected way off and on during the previous year. She stated that she was unable to think of any particular connection in which WHEELER's name had been mentioned. BENTLEY stated that she acquired the espionage group of which WHEELER was a member approximately a month later i.e., April 1944. BENTLEY recalled that she only met WHEELER personally on one occasion. She further recalled that WHEELER used to take "too much and too openly" from O.S.S., meaning that he had taken too many papers and documents in a rather open-handed manner from O.S.S. in connection with his espionage activities. She stated that this fact plus the fact that DUNCAN LEE furnished to her a security list containing the names of known CP members in O.S.S., caused her to "put him on ice immediately" as she felt he was too risky to deal with.

BENTLEY went on to say that the above list of individuals were not members of the group of which WHEELER was a member during the short period of time that she handled this group. She added, however, that amongst the espionage groups with which she was familiar in Washington at that time, the practice was such that WHEELER could have been instructed to give individuals jobs in his government organization and yet been instructed not to handle their espionage activities or to have any knowledge of the espionage group in which they were operating. Hence, BENTLEY stated, that it would have been possible that WHEELER was instructed by one of his previous espionage superiors to assist the above individuals in obtaining O.S.S. or other employment and yet that WHEELER would not handle or have knowledge of any espionage activities that they might engage in.

The six photographs furnished with the reBulet are being returned herewith to the Bureau.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *per D's*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LBN*

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 7/15/55

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Gandy ☒

*Briggs*

Judge Robert Morris informed me on Monday that he had concluded that he could not be named in a power of attorney by Elizabeth Bentley to adjudicate the income tax difficulties with Internal Revenue since this was prohibited by the Municipal Court of New York of which he is a member and since he had finally decided to take it up with the Judge who told him definitely he could not be named in a power of attorney even though he would be actively engaged in the practice of law. Morris has now finally worked out an arrangement whereby Godfrey Schmidt will file the power of attorney. Morris will help out in the negotiations with the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Morris told me that Miss Bentley does not understand the delays and he himself was to blame in part.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

DATE: July 26, 1955

FROM : MR. L. H. MARTIN *LHM*

SUBJECT: WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Supervisor William McDonald of the New York Office called at 8:15 p.m. July 26, 1955, in response to an earlier call from Mr. Cleveland concerning the whereabouts of the \$2,000 which had been received from Elizabeth Bentley. Mr. McDonald stated that this \$2,000 is still retained in the office safety deposit box in the Manufacturers Trust Company pursuant to instructions set forth in Bulet to the New York Office dated February 25, 1954, captioned "Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, Espionage - R (65-56402)."

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information.

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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

DATE: 7/28/55

TO : Director, FBI  
 Attn: Inspector CARL HENNRICH  
 FROM : SAC, New York (134-182)  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY

Reference is made to the Bureau phone call of 7/28/55 captioned as above.

Inspector CARL HENNRICH, who made referenced Bureau phone call, requested that this office answer the following questions in connection with captioned case:

1. What happened between 10/16/45 and 11/7/45 in connection with contacts of NYO with BENTLEY?
2. Did BENTLEY come in voluntarily?
3. Is there any more information available concerning BENTLEY's visit to the NYO 10/16/45 other than appears in former Agent ALDRICH's memo, e.g., Did SA BUCKLEY prepare a memo?

A review of the files in this office reveals that former SA FRANK ALDRICH interviewed ELIZABETH BENTLEY on 10/16/45 in connection with the case entitled, "LT. PETER HELLER; IMPERSONATION; ESPIONAGE - R". The memo of former SA ALDRICH was typed on 11/5/45. It should be noted that the memo of former SA ALDRICH contained no information concerning a meet between BENTLEY and Russian Agent GROMOV scheduled for 10/17/45. ALDRICH's memo reflects that he telephonically advised SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY of this office of the interview with BENTLEY at the NYO concerning the HELLER case. The memo of former Agent ALDRICH does not state when he notified Agent BUCKLEY and the latter has no recollection when he received word from former SA ALDRICH; however, Agent BUCKLEY remembers former SA ALDRICH advising him of the interview with BENTLEY. As a result of the information furnished by ALDRICH that BENTLEY may possess information concerning possible Russian Espionage activities in this country and since BENTLEY left a phone number where she could be reached with ALDRICH, Agent BUCKLEY made several unsuccessful attempts to telephonically contact Miss BENTLEY.

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A review of the files in this office reveals that SA BUCKLEY prepared a memo dated 11/13/45 captioned, "ELIZABETH TERRELL BUCKLEY, was; ET AL; ESPIONAGE-R". This memo reflects, in substance, as follows:

After several unsuccessful attempts to telephonically contact Miss BENTLEY at the phone number she gave, Murray Hill 3-9775, phone number of the U.S. Service and Shipping Corp., Agent BUCKLEY was able to reach her on 11/6/45 and made an appointment to interview her at the NYO, 11/7/45. This memo further states at the time this appointment was made Miss BENTLEY told Agent BUCKLEY that she was upset and had a great deal on her mind and that she was undecided whether she should mention the information in her possession to the writer. Agent BUCKLEY explained to Miss BENTLEY on the phone that if she had any information regarding un-American activities this Bureau should know about the same and that if she allowed Agent BUCKLEY to speak with her he could possibly offer her some assistance and guidance.

Agent BUCKLEY's memo of 11/13/45 further reflects that on 11/7/45 Miss BENTLEY was interviewed at the NYO. Agent BUCKLEY can recall Miss BENTLEY making the remark when she appeared at the NYO on 11/7/45 that she was informed at her office that someone had been trying to get in touch with her several times. She stated that she was not at her office because she was ill with a cold or the flu for a period of time and also she was involved in some moving transaction.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY did come into the NYO voluntarily as a result of Agent BUCKLEY's phone call invitation.

The only other information available concerning BENTLEY's visit to the NYO on 10/16/45 other than appears in former SA ALDRICH's memo is the memo of Agent BUCKLEY dated 11/13/45 referred to above.

Agent BUCKLEY's memo of 11/13/45, mentioned above, further reveals that since Miss BENTLEY appeared at the NYO she was persuaded to give information in her possession regarding Russian Espionage Activities and she finally consented she would explain all the information in her possession to the interviewing agents. As a result a detailed statement was taken from Miss BENTLEY concerning Russian Espionage activities in this country on 11/7/45.

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The possibility exists that BENTLEY, as a result of her appearance at the New Haven Office on 8/23/45 and her subsequent visit to the NYO on 10/16/45, may have gained the impression that she was under surveillance by agents of this Bureau.

However, no surveillance was conducted of Miss BENTLEY until after she appeared at the NYO on 11/7/45. This office had no knowledge of any contact between ELIZABETH BENTLEY and Russian Espionage Agent GROMOV prior to 11/7/45. It should be noted that the memo of former SA FRANK ALDRICH dated 11/5/45 makes no mention of a scheduled meeting between BENTLEY and GROMOV and therefore Agent BUCKLEY had no knowledge of any such meeting until his interview with BENTLEY on 11/7/45.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/20/55

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-23505)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, et al.  
ESPIONAGE - R

ATTENTION: INSPECTOR CARL HENNRICH

Re Bureau phone call at 8:22 A.M. on this date.

Former Special Agent FRANK C. ALDRICH was interviewed at Long Beach, California, by SA GEORGE J. NAGEL, and following the interview ALDRICH called me on the telephone and reiterated the information he had given to SA NAGEL. The following are the results of both interviews:

Mr. ALDRICH stated that he wanted to cooperate in every way possible. He related that he left the Bureau on October 21, 1945, and recalls that shortly prior thereto a letter from ELIZABETH BENTLEY, written somewhere in Connecticut was routed to him by Supervisor GUS GERDES. The letter in essence indicated that some person had been representing himself to ELIZABETH BENTLEY as an FBI agent. As a result of the letter an appointment was arranged for ELIZABETH BENTLEY and she came to the New York office, where she was interviewed by SA ALDRICH.

Mr. ALDRICH stated that he does not recall the exact date of the interview, but he does remember that it was about a week before he left the Bureau and that it was the only such interview he ever had with ELIZABETH BENTLEY. He stated that he interviewed her with the thought in mind that she wished to make a complaint about an individual representing himself to be an FBI agent, but upon talking with her he found this was not actually the situation. She stated that she was being followed and it was her impression that she was being followed by FBI agents.

At the outset of the interview, ALDRICH gained the impression that she had come to the office seeking information rather than for the purpose of giving information. As the interview went on, he recalls, she began to give him a little background on herself by stating that she was closely tied in with people of whom she had suspicions and whom she believed to be Russian espionage agents. She stated that she had contact

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with the Russian Amtorg Agency as well as contacts with Communists. She further related that she had some Communist training in her background.

At this point Mr. ALDRICH stated he was beginning to wonder exactly why ELIZABETH BENTLEY had come to the office and that possibly she was a psychopath rambling on. He stated that to bolster up her statement that she thought she was dealing with Russian espionage agents, she stated that she would arrange a meeting with a man, say, by the name of John, at a given time and place. If John did not show up at the meeting place, then she would meet him two blocks away the next day an hour later. Mr. ALDRICH stated that he definitely tried to pin her down to specifics, but she would talk only in the realm of generalities. At the termination of the interview, she tried to arrange for ALDRICH to meet her at her apartment for further discussion.

ALDRICH stated that ELIZABETH BENTLEY definitely did not mention any specific contact with anyone on the following day. He said that he feels certain that if she made such a statement he would definitely feel that she was dealing in espionage. As it was at the termination of the interview, he had a suspicion that there might be some substance to her statements to the effect that she was dealing with espionage agents, but his suspicions were clearly without foundation. He stated that if she ever told him she was going to have a meeting with an agent the following day and if he told her she should do nothing to interfere with her friendship with such an agent or to go ahead and make such a contact, he very definitely would remember such an item. He stated that to the best of his recollection the interview lasted approximately two hours and a half, and he wrote the interview up in detail and routed it to the Espionage Section of the New York office with the recommendation that she should be talked to further.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. BOARDMAN *lv*

DATE: August 5, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *AB*

Ticklers: Boardman  
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Belmont  
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SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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Attached is a memorandum to the Attorney General with carbon copy for Deputy Attorney General William P. Rogers and Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins dated 8-8-55. This memorandum sets forth details of Bentley's conversation with a representative of our New Haven office on 8-4-55. Bentley said she was very upset over long delay in handling her tax problem by Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Bentley said she conferred with IRS representative in New York City for about four days, beginning 7-18 past. States she has not heard from IRS since that time. She requested New Haven agent to contact Bureau and have Department apply pressure to IRS to get settlement. Bentley stated she is upset with delay and is ready to "blow up the works" by going to the newspapers as she has threatened in past. She insisted on and believed IRS agreed to issue statement publicly clarifying her tax situation. She advised if same is not forthcoming immediately she will take action on her own. New Haven agent pointed out to Bentley that hasty and imprudent action on her part in upsetting arrangements made thus far would not benefit her or the Government. New Haven requested any information which could be made known to Bentley.

A teletype to New Haven has been prepared advising New Haven it may inform Miss Bentley that her comments have been brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities. Teletype to New Haven is attached. New Haven also being advised for its own information Bentley comments furnished to Attorney General and that Bureau is not becoming involved in Bentley's tax problem, as it is matter for Department to handle.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Attached letter advising of Bentley's comments be approved and forwarded to the Attorney General with cc for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins.

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*Nichols took this up with the IRS and will handle it.* JB

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

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(2) Attached teletype advising New Haven that it may inform Bentley her comments have been brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities be approved and forwarded.

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ATTENTION L. B. NICHOLS AND A. BELMONT

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE. MISS BENTLEY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA C. E. SANDALL OF THIS OFFICE TODAY TO ADVISE THAT SHE IS VERY UPSET OVER THE LONG DELAY IN HANDLING OF HER TAX PROBLEM BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. SHE EXPLAINED THAT SHE CONFERRED WITH IRS IN NEW YORK CITY FOR ABOUT FOUR DAYS BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY EIGHTEEN, LAST AND ENTERED INTO AN OFFER AND COMPROMISE IN SETTLEMENT OF HER TAX DELINQUENCY. A MR. HENNESSY FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. WHO WAS SUPPOSEDLY TO BE FAMILIAR WITH HER CASE, CONFERRED WITH HER. HENNESSY POSSESSED NO BACKGROUND DATA ON HER CASE AND SHE STATES SHE SPENT ONE FULL DAY ACQUAINTING HIM WITH HER PROBLEM. SHE WAS ADVISED BY IRS REPRESENTATIVE THAT NO DECISION COULD BE REACHED ON HER CASE UNTIL DATA WAS REVIEWED IN WASHINGTON. BENTLEY HAS NOT HEARD FROM IRS SINCE THAT TIME, FEELS THAT HER CASE HAS BEEN EITHER DROPPED OR DELAYED AND SHE CONSIDERS TIME TO BE IMPORTANT. SHE REQUESTED SA SANDALL TO CONTACT THE BUREAU AND QUOTE HAVE ALL THE PRESSURE OF THE DEPT. APPLIED TO IRS TO GET A SETTLEMENT UNQUOTE. SHE STATES SHE IS QUOTE FED UP UNQUOTE WITH THE DELAY AND IS READY TO ~~QUOTE~~ BLOW UP THE WORKS UNQUOTE BY GOING TO THE NEWSPAPERS AS SHE HAS THREATENED TO DO IN THE PAST. BENTLEY STATED THAT SHE INSISTED ON AND BELIEVES THAT IRS AGREED TO ISSUING A STATEMENT PUBLICLY CLARIFYING HER TAX SITUATION. IF SAME IS NOT FORTHCOMING IMMEDIATELY, SHE SAID SHE WOULD TAKE ACTION ON HER OWN. SA SANDALL

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DOM, INTEL. DIVISION

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-50402)

July 30, 1955

SAC, NEW HAVEN (65-1149)

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, Was. ET AL  
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ATT: INSPECTOR CARL HENNRICH

This is confirming our telephone conversation on 7/29/55 at which time Inspector CARL HENNRICH of the Bureau was furnished verbally the results of an interview with former Special Agent EDWARD J. COADY, relative to his initial interview of ELIZABETH BENTLEY in the NHO on 8/23/45.

Former Special Agent COADY, now Security Coordinator, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corporation, East Hartford, Conn., was interviewed on 7/28/55 by Special Agents CHARLES E. SANDALL and JOHN A. DANAHER, Jr. Mr. COADY stated that he recalled very clearly an interview which he had with Miss BENTLEY on 8/23/45.

*No Lm.* He stated that his interview with Miss BENTLEY took approximately two hours time and during this time he questioned her at great length to find out exactly why she came up to the office. COADY, after hearing her story about Lieutenant PETER HELLER, and having been impressed by Miss BENTLEY that she was of more than average intelligence, felt that she might have been engaged in activities of a questionable nature and during the interview COADY attempted to veer away from the HELLER story, which COADY felt was a "phony" story, but Miss BENTLEY refused to go into any other matters. COADY advised the Agents that he was greatly concerned about his interview with Miss BENTLEY after she left the office because he felt that he had not obtained the true story from her, that a woman of her apparent intelligence would not logically have expected him to believe such a story, and because he was unable to draw from her the real reason for her appearance at the office.

Miss BENTLEY did not indicate to COADY that she was involved in any Russian espionage apparatus nor did she state to him that she was to contact any espionage agent. Therefore, he did not give her any instructions concerning her future conduct, such as advising that she continue her contacts with espionage agents or that she get in touch with the New York Office.

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He merely advised Miss BENTLEY that he could not advise her about the legitimacy of Lieutenant PETER HELLER nor could he tell her whether she should cooperate with him.

COADY volunteered that it was his impression, following Miss BENTLEY's disclosure of her activities to the Bureau, that she submitted to an interview with him for the purpose of find out if the FBI was aware of her activities and were possibly following her around in Conn. and that her story about Lieutenant HELLER was merely a "fishing expedition" to find out how much the FBI knew about her. He added that he would be willing to testify to the accuracy of the data, if need be.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: 8/8/55

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Bob Morris, on 8/3/55, informed me that Elizabeth Bentley was very much upset since her negotiations with Internal Revenue Service had apparently bogged down. A Mr. Hennessy, of Internal Revenue, was designated to work out a compromise settlement and after several conferences during the week of 7/18/55, it was necessary to suspend the discussions until Hennessy could get the Internal Revenue file from New Orleans. He asked for it but has not as yet been able to receive it.

Morris stated that he was going to call Coleman Andrews unless I thought he should not. I told him that in view of his previous conversations with Andrews, I thought most assuredly he should call him. In the meantime, the Bureau received a teletype from New Haven under date of 8/4/55, pointing out that Elizabeth Bentley had advised the agents of the delay and that she was fed up and "is ready to blow up the works." The agents in New Haven quieted her down.

I called William Rogers as he was getting ready to leave and he suggested that I talk to Robert Minor. I talked to Minor and Minor stated that he would get busy immediately and talk with David Kendall with whom the Department has been dealing. Minor informed me on 8/8/55, that he had talked to Kendall. Kendall could not understand the delay and reported back to Minor that they could expect the file in New York momentarily. Kendall reiterated he could not understand the delay. Minor stated that he was quite vigorous in his comments to Kendall.

Subsequently, Bob Morris called me to advise that he had finally succeeded in talking to Coleman Andrews and Andrews raised the question as to whether he should be responsible for handling a routine matter such as this. Morris apparently told Andrews off and told him that since they could not get service he most assuredly was responsible and pointed out the reasons and Andrews agreed that this was probably true and stated he would check into the matter immediately. So, in view of above, maybe the forces of lethargy can be overcome eventually.

cc - Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Belmont

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ATT. ASST DIR. L. B. NICHOLS AND A. H. BELMONT

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE. MISS BENTLEY AGAIN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA C. E. SANDALL OF THIS OFFICE TODAY TO REQUEST BUREAU DO WHAT IT CAN TO HELP RESOLVE HER TAX DIFFICULTIES. SHE EXPLAINED SHE HAD EMPLOYED NEW YORK TAX ATTORNEY, MIKE KENNY, FORMER INTERNAL REVENUE AGENT, TO HELP HER IN OFFER AND COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WITH INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. KENNY FELT GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY SETTLE WITH HER FOR TEN PER CENT OF AMOUNT DUE AND BENTLEY HAD BELIEVED SHE COULD BORROW THIS SUM. ROBERT MORRIS CALLED HER LAST NIGHT, ADVISING HE WOULD BE OUT OF TOUCH WITH HER DUE TO IMPENDING DEATH OF HIS FATHER BUT HE HAD LEARNED IRS APPARENTLY DEMANDS SHE SELL HER HOUSE IN MADISON, THAT IRS WILL NOT RELEASE HER LEVIED BANK ACCOUNT IN LOUISIANA, AND WILL NOT AUTHORIZE ANY PUBLIC APOLOGY OR RETRACTION IN LOUISIANA NEWSPAPERS. IRS WOULD CONSIDER ONLY WRITING TO SACRED HEART COLLEGE IN LOUISIANA RE HER JOB. BENTLEY CONSIDERS THIS ARRANGEMENT MOST UNSATISFACTORY AS, ONE, SHE HAS BEEN TRYING TO SELL HER HOUSE SINCE NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY TWO AND ITS CONDITION PRECLUDES FAVORABLE EVALUATION FOR SALE., TWO, ALTHOUGH SHE WOULD PROBABLY RETAIN HER JOB AT THE SCHOOL, THE LEVY ON HER PERSONAL FUNDS WOULD EMBARRASS HER., THREE, SHE WOULD STILL BE CONSIDERED A

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CO. MR. BELMONT  
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Reference is made to my previous memoranda in this matter which set forth information regarding Bentley's current problem with the Internal Revenue Service.

For your further information, Bentley advised a representative of this Bureau on August 10, 1955, that she had employed a New York tax attorney, Mike Kenny, a former Internal Revenue agent, to help her in an offer and compromise agreement with the Internal Revenue Service. Her attorney, Kenny, felt that the Government would probably settle with her for ten per cent of the amount due. Bentley believed she could borrow this sum.

Robert Morris, former Chief Counsel of the Jenner Committee and presently a New York City judge, who has been assisting Bentley in connection with her tax problem, told her on August 9, 1955, that he had learned the Internal Revenue Service apparently will demand that she sell her house in Madison, Connecticut, will not release her levied bank account in Louisiana, and will not authorize any public apology or retraction in Louisiana newspapers. Morris also advised he learned the Internal Revenue Service would consider only writing to the Sacred Heart College in Louisiana regarding Bentley's job. Bentley advised she considers this arrangement most unsatisfactory as, first, she has been trying to sell her house since 1952 and its condition precludes favorable evaluation for sale; second, although she would probably retain her job at the school, the levy on her personal funds would embarrass her; third, she would still be considered a tax dodger and her reputation as a Government witness would suffer irreparable harm.

Bentley again stated that she feels time is running out and that her tax problem will not be settled in time for her to resume employment in the fall. Robert Morris assured her

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF DECLASSIFICATION DATE 3/17/78 EMB:mas

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**Memorandum for the Attorney General**

that he had talked to Coleman Andrews of the Treasury Department and that her case had been "fired up." Bentley indicated she felt her tax problem had been passed down to irresponsible hands not cognizant of her peculiar situation.

Our New Haven office advised on August 11, 1955, that Bentley had been served with a subpoena on that date by the Deputy United States Marshal requiring her appearance in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on August 18, 1955, at 10:30 a.m., in the case involving Edward Joseph Fitzgerald. The subpoena was issued at the request of Milton H. Friedman, attorney for Fitzgerald. Bentley advised that she can positively identify Fitzgerald as a personal espionage contact of hers in the Perlo group. She further stated that she believes the defense in the Fitzgerald case will seize upon her current income tax problem in an attempt to discredit her. She feels that if she is discredited it will reflect most unfavorably on Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the Attorney General and the Director of the FBI, who, she states, previously have commented on the value of her testimony and the espionage activities which she has brought to light.

Upon receipt of this information from our New Haven office, we notified our New York office to advise the United States Attorney in New York regarding the subpoena of Bentley and Mr. William F. Foley of the Internal Security Division was telephonically advised.

We have informed Miss Bentley that her comments will be brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

CC: 1 - Mr. William F. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

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**BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE**

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August 1, 1955 Date

Title and Character of Case:

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS ETAL  
ESP-R

Date Property Acquired:

11/17/45

Source From Which Property Acquired:

Elizabeth T. Bentley

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

Manufacturers Trust Co.

Reason for Retention of Property and  
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

Held by New York Office per  
Bureau instructions.

Description of Property or Exhibit and  
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

SA T. Spencer

18. One-hundred (100) \$20.00 bills, totaling \$2,000.00

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EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, WAS, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF NINETEEN FIFTY. INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS AFTERNOON FROM NEW HAVEN OFFICE THAT ELIZABETH BENTLEY RECEIVED A SUBPOENA TODAY ISSUED BY MILTON H. FRIEDMAN, ATTORNEY FOR FITZGERALD, RETURNABLE ON AUGUST EIGHTEEN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. NYO ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT FRANK TAYLOR, INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WHO IS HANDLING CASE IN NY REGARDING THIS INFORMATION AND WAS ADVISED BY JOHN S. CLARK, STUDENT LAW CLERK ASSIGNED TO AUSA GEORGE BAILEY-S OFFICE, THAT TAYLOR HAD LEFT NYC FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. JOHN S. CLARK FURTHER ADVISED THAT MR. TAYLOR, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON, D.C., HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM SOMEONE IN THE PRESS ROOM OF THE COURT HOUSE, SDNY, AND THAT THE CALLER INDICATED TO TAYLOR THAT IN CONNECTION WITH FITZGERALD-S CASE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI WOULD BE SUBPOENAED CLARK WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC NEW YORK

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EDWARD FITZGERALD, IS-R. RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW HAVEN TODAY. DEPUTY USM, NEW HAVEN, SERVED SUBPOENA THIS AFTERNOON ON ELIZABETH BENTLEY REQUIRING HER APPEARANCE USDC, SDNY, NYC, AUGUST EIGHTEEN, TEN THIRTY A. M. SUBPOENA ISSUED ON REQUEST OF MILTON H. FRIEDMAN, ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT FITZGERALD. BENTLEY STATES CAN POSITIVELY IDENTIFY FITZGERALD AS ESPIONAGE CONTACT OF HERS IN PERLO GROUP. SHE BELIEVES DEFENSE WILL SEIZE ON HER INCOME TAX PROBLEM IN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT HER, AND STRONGLY FEELS IF SHE IS DISCREDITED IT WILL REFLECT MOST UNFAVORABLY ON DIRECTOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL AND VICE PRESIDENT NIXON, WHO HAVE PUBLICLY COMMENTED ON VALUE OF HER TESTIMONY AND ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES SHE HAS BROUGHT TO LIGHT. BENTLEY SUGGESTS BUREAU LEARN, IF POSSIBLE, MOTIVE OF DEFENSE IN SUBPOENAING HER. REQUESTS URGENT ATTENTION TO RESOLVING INCOME TAX SITUATION. BENTLEY WAS ADVISED HER REQUEST WOULD BE RELAYED TO BUREAU. BENTLEY INDICATES THAT AS WITNESS SHE WILL BE HOSTILE TO DEFENDANT FITZGERALD AND EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT FACT SHE HAS BEEN SUBPOENAED FOR DEFENSE MIGHT BE MISCONSTRUED AS INDICATING SHE WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC WITNESS FOR DEFENSE.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK

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EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, IS- R. RE TELEPHONE CALL BUREAU TO NEW HAVEN  
THIS MORNING. MR. JOHN KEENEY, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY AT NEW HAVEN  
FOR SMITH ACT PROSECUTIONS, CONTACTED THIS OFFICE ELEVEN A. M.

TODAY TO OBTAIN ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY.

KEENEY EXPECTS TO CONTACT BENTLEY TODAY TO EXPLAIN TO HER THAT DEPART-  
MENT WILL ENDEAVOR TO QUASH SUBPOENA FOR BENTLEY AND IS OPTIMISTIC  
ABOUT ACCOMPLISHING THAT PURPOSE. KEENEY EXPLAINED THAT THE DEPART-  
Elizabeth  
MENT BELIEVES BENTLEY-S TESTIMONY WOULD BE IMMATERIAL AND IRRELEVANT  
TO THE ACTION AGAINST FITZGERALD FOR CONTEMPT IN REFUSING TO ACCEPT  
IMMUNITY AND TESTIFY BEFORE A GRAND JURY. KEENEY WAS FURNISHED  
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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK ...URGENT...

EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, IS - R. RENHTEL TO BUREAU AND NY TODAY.

JOHN KEENEY, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY AT NEW HAVEN, ADVISED HE MET WITH ELIZABETH BENTLEY AT HER RESIDENCE, MADISON, CONN.

THIS AFTERNOON. STATES BENTLEY PLEASED WITH THE POSSIBILITY SUBPOENA MAY BE QUASHED. INDICATED BENTLEY BROUGHT UP TAX PROBLEM WITH HIM WHICH HE WILL CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS SUPERIORS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 1, 1955

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 28, 1955 in reply to mine of July 25. I note that you have referred the matter raised by me to the Attorney General. I have today asked the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board to propound the same questions to you. This request was made pursuant to the suggestion in the second paragraph of your letter, a copy of which I have sent to that Board.

May I now say, sir, that I think that in this Bentley-Taylor case, your statement that I will "recognize that information from the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation cannot be made available to persons not authorized to receive such matter" will be considered unacceptable for the following reasons:

1. In my July 25, 1955 letter to you I quoted Miss Bentley's testimony before a Congressional Committee verbatim. I based my questions on it.

2. Part 16 of the Hearings before the Subcommittee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act, titled "Interlocking Subversion in Government Departments," reports at page 1145 that you, when you appeared before it on November 17, 1953, made the following statement:

In connection with the sources, I would like to mention one in particular, Miss Elizabeth Bentley. From the very outset, we established that she had been in a position to report facts relative to Soviet Espionage which she had done. We knew she was in contact with a top-ranking Soviet espionage agent, Anatoli Gromov, the first secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., as late as November 21, 1945, in New York City. In a previous meeting on October 17, 1945, Gromov had given her \$25,000 to carry forth her work as an espionage agent.

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"All information furnished by Miss Bentley, which was susceptible to check, has proven to be correct."

3. You and Miss Bentley have, therefore, made "information from the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation" public in the instance of the \$2,000. My questions were based on these public statements made by Miss Bentley which you publicly affirmed and vouched for.

In conclusion, sir, may I ask what "policy considerations" are involved in asking the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to document his public accusations against citizens of the United States?

Sincerely yours,

  
BYRON N. SCOTT

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Mr. L. V. Boardman

August 2, 1955

Mr. A. N. Belmont

**WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR**  
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Taylor is an employee of the International Monetary Fund. International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board (IOELB) - Civil Service Commission on 6-29-55, forwarded to State Department its advisory opinion on Taylor's case, concluding that there is reasonable doubt as to his loyalty.

Attached is a copy of a second letter dated 8-1-55 to the Director from Byron H. Scott, attorney for Taylor. In his first letter to the Director dated 7-25-55 in this matter, Scott propounded eight questions concerning a meeting between Elizabeth Bentley and Anatoli Gromov on 10-17-45, as testified to by Bentley before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948. We replied to Scott's first letter on 7-28-55, stating that his request for information from our files was being referred to the Attorney General. In his second letter dated 8-1-55, Scott states he has referred our letter to him dated 7-28-55, to the IOELB with the request that the Board ask these same eight questions of the Bureau. In his 8-1-55 letter, Scott states our reply to him on 7-28-55 claims that information from our files cannot be made available to persons not authorized to receive such information. Scott states this is not acceptable to him. He states he has based his eight questions on Bentley's testimony before a Congressional committee and on the Director's testimony of 11-17-53, before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act (Jenner Committee). We have checked the Director's testimony as quoted by Scott and find that Scott has quoted it accurately. Page 1142 of the Jenner Committee hearings on 11-17-53, indicates that the chairman, Senator Jenner, stated that the Director appeared at that time in response to a request made to the Attorney General by the Subcommittee.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

In his 8-1-55 letter, Scott indicates that since the Director publicly testified that Bentley received \$2,000 from Anatoli Gromov of the Soviet Embassy on 10-17-45, that he (Scott) is entitled to answers to his eight questions, all of which relate to the alleged meeting on 10-17-45. Scott concludes his letter by asking "what policy considerations are involved in asking the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to document his public accusations against citizens of the United States?"

It is noted that the Director did not mention William Henry Taylor in his 11-17-53 testimony before the Jenner Committee and it appears clear that Scott intends to continue his attack on Bentley's credibility since his letters are not directed at the truth or falsity of allegations made against Taylor.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1). Attached is a letter of acknowledgment to Scott suggesting that if he desires to discuss this matter further he communicate with the Attorney General.

**Memorandum for Mr. Boardman**

**(2) Attached is letter to Attorney General with cc for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins furnishing copy of Scott's 8-1-55 letter and copy of our reply.**

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The Attorney General

August 4, 1955

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Director, FBI

WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR  
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF DECLASSIFICATION  
DATE 3/4/78

Reference is made to my letter to you dated July 28, 1955, forwarding a copy of a letter dated July 25, 1955, which I received from Byron M. Scott, attorney for the subject. In his letter, Scott raised eight questions relative to the report meeting between Elizabeth T. Bentley and Anatoli Gromov of the Soviet Embassy on October 17, 1945, in New York City.

Attached is a copy of a second letter from Mr. Scott, dated August 1, 1955. In this letter, Scott indicates that he has asked the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board to propound the same eight questions to this Bureau. He also states that my reply to him of July 28, 1955, that information from FBI files cannot be made available to unauthorized persons, is unacceptable. He states that his eight questions are based on Bentley's testimony before a congressional committee and on my statement made November 17, 1953, before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act. He indicates that since it was publicly stated that Bentley received \$2,000 from Gromov on October 17, 1945, he should be given answers to his eight questions which relate to this meeting.

In our reply to Scott, a copy of which is attached, I have suggested that if he desires to discuss this matter further he should communicate with you.

In the event we receive an inquiry from the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board in connection with this matter, you will be immediately advised.

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SENT FROM D. O.  
TIME 6:15 PM  
DATE 8/4/55  
BY [signature]

- 1 - Mr. William P. Rogers (Enclosures - 2)  
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosures - 2)  
William F. Tompkins

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August 4, 1955

134-435 - ✓  
Mr. Byron N. Scott  
Wyatt Building  
777 Fourteenth Street, N. W.  
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your  
letter dated August 1, 1955.

Your original communication dated  
July 25, 1955, and this most recent communi-  
cation have been referred to the Attorney  
General. If you desire to discuss this matter  
further, I suggest you communicate with the  
Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

100-370362 (Wm. Henry Taylor)  
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Cover memo Belmont to Boardman prepared by ERT:RGJ:rmp  
on 8/2/55 in connection with this outgoing mail.

CC ✓ 1-134-435 (Bentley)  
1 - 65-56402 (Gregory)

- 1 - The Attorney General (by separate cover)
- 1 - Mr. William P. Rogers (by separate cover)  
Deputy Atty. General
- 1 - Assistant Atty. General (by separate cover)  
William F. Tompkins

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: August 13, 1955

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*Jefferson*

With reference to statements which Elizabeth Bentley has made to Agents of the New Haven Office pertaining to her income tax difficulties, I wish to record that I have called these to the attention of Robert Minor who was very much exercised over the delay in the Internal Revenue in working up a settlement.

On the first occasion I talked to Minor, the New Orleans file on Bentley had not been received in New York and Minor talked to David Kendall, formerly General Counsel and now Assistant Secretary, over the weekend of July 30th. He subsequently informed me that Kendall could not understand the delay, he had talked to the Treasury people and he had been assured that this matter would be handled momentarily.

On August 11th I talked to Minor further. He stated that he would take the matter up further with David Kendall. In the meantime, Bob Morris and George Sokolsky called me after Elizabeth Bentley had talked to them and informed them that Internal Revenue would not settle unless Elizabeth Bentley liquidated all her assets including her house in Madison, Connecticut. Both were exercised over this. Bob Morris called me on Friday evening, August 12th, to advise that he had been in New York that day and had spoken to Godfrey Schmidt, who was representing Elizabeth Bentley. Schmidt informed Morris that the situation was not nearly as bad as that represented by Bentley and that in the conference the statement had been made that there were many difficulties involved in working out this settlement; that one of the difficulties was in working out a settlement so long as she had a house; however, the Internal Revenue people did not make any ultimatum or state as a condition that she would have to divest herself of the house; that Schmidt did not feel that this would be necessary and that as of the present time the situation was not as bad as that painted by Bentley, although it could become that bad in the future; however, Schmidt doubted it. Schmidt is presently preparing new forms to handle this matter and told Morris that definitely Bentley has overstated the Internal Revenue situation in his opinion.

cc - Mr. Boardman  
cc - Mr. Belmont

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: August 1, 1955

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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By memorandum 6-6-55 you were advised that Bentley was interviewed at her request on 6-5-55 at the Bureau. She was interviewed regarding a number of charges made by William Henry Taylor in a lengthy brief filed before the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board on 3-28-55.

One of the points covered during this interview of Bentley concerned when she first advised the FBI of her activities. Taylor in his lengthy brief charged Bentley testified she told the FBI her story in New Haven in August, 1945, and yet the FBI has given the date as 11-7-45. Bentley on 6-5-55 said she went to the New Haven office in August, 1945, and told an agent about Peter Heller, a man she suspected might be a Government agent. She said the agent to whom she talked was noncommittal and she did not furnish him any detailed information. She said she was told the matter would be referred to our New York office. It was not until September or October, 1945, she contacted the New York office. Bentley claims, in addition, to telling the New York agent about the Heller matter she also told him about a forthcoming meeting with one of her contacts and the agent told her to go ahead and carry out the meet. The 6-6-55 memorandum said we were making a further check of our files on this point. Our files show Bentley did not furnish details regarding her espionage activities until 11-7-45. To further clarify this, a letter 6-23-55, was sent to New Haven requesting Bentley be reinterviewed.

By letter 7-25-55, New Haven furnished results of reinterview of Bentley. She conceded it was not until 11-7-45 that she gave a detailed account of her involvement in Soviet espionage. She said her visit to the New Haven office in October, 1945, was a "feeling out process." She realized that during the New Haven interview she was not making true

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CC:

Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Branigan  
Mr. Jensen

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont:

significance of her visit clear. Her contact with the New York office was delayed by an illness of three weeks and by the fact her residence was changed. Bentley was still of opinion she told the New York agent of her scheduled meet with Gromov on 10-17-45, and the agent suggested to her that she not do anything to interrupt this relationship. It was on this basis she testified she was under FBI guidance when she met Gromov on the following day and received \$2,000 from him.

Former SAs Edward J. Coady and Frank C. Aldrich, Jr., who interviewed Bentley in New Haven and New York, respectively, were reinterviewed on 7-28-54. Both stated they recalled the interviews but Bentley at no time made any comment regarding any forthcoming contact with any Russian agent.

During ~~initial~~ interview on 11-7-45, Bentley did tell of contact to be held with Gromov on 11-9-45. New York tel 11-8-45, covering initial interview, pointed out arrangements being perfected with cooperation of Miss Bentley to have full surveillance coverage of this meeting in effort to identify "Al" (Gromov). Possibility exists Bentley confused on dates. She may believe she told of 10-17-45 meet on 10-16-45. She did not mention above but did tell us on 11-7-45 of meet coming up on 11-9-45.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK URGENT

EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, IS-R. RE TELEPHONE CALL TO MR. CLEVELAND

AT BUREAU THIS MORNING. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY TELEPHONED NEW HAVEN

OFFICE TEN A. M. TODAY TO ADVISE THAT SINCE YESTERDAY EDDIE FOX OF

THE NEW HAVEN EVENING REGISTER HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY ATTEMPTING

TO CONTACT BENTLEY. BENTLEY WAS NOT HOME WHEN ANY OF FOX'S CALLS

WERE RECEIVED AND SHE HAD NOT YET SPOKEN TO HIM. FOX LEFT WORD

AT BENTLEY'S RESIDENCE IF BENTLEY DESIRED TO CHECK ON HIS BONA FIDE

STATUS WITH EVENING REGISTER SHE COULD CONTACT ASSISTANT U. S. ATTORNEY

MCMAMARA, NEW HAVEN. BENTLEY STATED THAT BEFORE RECEIVING ANY INQUIRY

HERSELF FROM FOX SHE DESIRED TO KNOW THE STATUS OF THE SUBPOENA FOR

HER APPEARANCE IN USDC, SDNY, IN THE FITZGERALD CASE. SHE STATED SHE

HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION FROM MR. JOHN KEENEY, DEPARTMENTAL

ATTORNEY NOW AT NEW HAVEN FOR SMITH ACT PROSECUTIONS SINCE HE PREVIOUSLY

CONTACTED HER TWELFTH INSTANT. SHE STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW HOW

TO REACH KEENEY. BENTLEY WAS ADVISED HER INQUIRY WOULD BE RELAYED TO

KEENEY. KEENEY WAS IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED. HE STATED HE HAD NOT

RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT REGARDING STATUS OF SUBPOENA.

HE STATED HE WOULD CONTACT BENTLEY IMMEDIATELY AND INFORM HER THAT

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HE WOULD MAKE IMMEDIATE TELEPHONIC INQUIRY TO THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING STATUS OF SUBPOENA AND WOULD RECONTACT BENTLEY SUBSEQUENTLY. EDDIE FOX IS KNOWN TO BE A REPORTER FOR THE NEW HAVEN EVENING REGISTER. KEENEY SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE ELEVEN FIFTEEN A. M. HE HAD TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT AND RECEIVED FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT - HEARING BEING HELD ELEVEN THIRTY A. M. THIS MORNING NYC, ON MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA REQUIRING BENTLEY-S APPEARANCE IN USDC, SDNY, EIGHTEENTH INSTANT. KEENEY STATED HE TELEPHONED BENTLEY TO ADVISE HER CONCERNING THIS. KEENEY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE AT TWELVE FORTY FIVE P. M. AND ADVISED THAT SUBPOENA HAD BEEN QUASHED AND THAT BENTLEY HAD BEEN NOTIFIED. KEENEY REQUESTED TO BE ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MIGHT COME TO ATTENTION OF BUREAU OR THIS OFFICE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 20, 1955

FROM :

L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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Robert Minor told me on August 19, 1955, that he had just been informed by an official in Internal Revenue with reference to Elizabeth Bentley that Internal Revenue has no knowledge of any levy and there is no lien on any property of Bentley; that the present status is that an offer for compromise is presently under consideration.

After checking, I told Minor that Elizabeth Bentley had a bank account at the Bank of Sunset and Trust Company, Sunset, Louisiana; that a lien was filed on this bank account by Internal Revenue under date of June 2, 1955, signed by the District Director of Internal Revenue and a Senior Collection Officer. Bentley has a copy of this lien. Her first knowledge, however, that her bank account had been levied on was when a check was bounced and inquiry then disclosed that her balance of \$280.76 had been levied and seized by Internal Revenue.

Minor stated he is becoming more and more disgusted with the way Internal Revenue has handled the Elizabeth Bentley matter. Minor further told me that Internal Revenue now states that Elizabeth Bentley's going with the House Committee on Un-American Activities will not help her situation since she will have more money and this fact will have to be taken into consideration in the offer of compromise. Minor stated this, of course, was something that the Department could do nothing about but he did tell Internal Revenue this was a sad situation.

Judge Robert Morris mentioned to me on the night of August 18 that Congressman Ed Willis of Louisiana had become interested in Elizabeth Bentley; that as a result, two members of the House Committee on Un-American Activities are all excited over the action of the Internal Revenue Department treating Bentley as they have and are going to make an issue out of it. As a means of assistance to rehabilitate Bentley they have given her a six-weeks job and are paying her \$750.

cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

Morris further told me Victor Lasky, a long-time friend of T. Coleman Andrews, wrote Andrews a letter and sent him a copy of Sunday's Worker which reproduced the tax lien filed on Bentley and Andrews wrote a rather nasty letter to Lasky.

Morris feels very keenly about the manner in which Bentley has been treated.

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The Attorney General (orig and one)

August 23, 1955

Director, FBI

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

ON

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Reference is made to my previous memoranda in this matter which set forth certain information regarding Bentley's problem with the Internal Revenue Service.

I thought you would like to know that on August 19, 1955, Bentley advised a representative of the Bureau that she visited Congressman Francis E. Walter (Pennsylvania) on August 18, 1955, during the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) hearings on Communist infiltration of the radio and theater field in New York City. Bentley said she also spoke to Congressman Edwin E. Willis (Louisiana), also of the HCUA. She said that both Congressmen were anxious to resolve her tax problem quickly and both promised to apply pressure on the Treasury Department. Congressman Walter indicated he would enlist the aid of others, including Senator James O. Eastland (Mississippi).

Bentley also stated she had noticed in the New York papers that the United Nations Hearing Board (the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board) had agreed to hear new evidence concerning William Henry Taylor in the possession of his attorney, Byron N. Scott. She again expressed the hope that her tax difficulties could be resolved before she might be required to testify in connection with Taylor.

Bentley also stated that she was hired by Congressman Walter on a temporary basis as a staff member of the HCUA. She indicated she was pleased over an assurance she received from Congressman Willis that her appointment to the staff of the HCUA would be publicized in local Louisiana newspapers. She felt that this would offset the unfavorable publicity previously given her tax problem.

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**Letter to the Attorney General**

**The foregoing is for your further information  
in connection with this matter.**

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**cc - 1 - Mr. William P. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General**

**cc - 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins**

**NOTE:**

**We have kept the AG, the Deputy AG Rogers and  
AAG Tompkins advised in the past concerning Bentley's  
comments and observations re her tax problem with the  
Internal Revenue Service.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New Haven, Conn.

August 19, 1955

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

ATTENTION: L. B. NICHOLS AND

A. H. BELMONT

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY,  
Confidential Source

This is to advise that BENTLEY telephonically contacted SA CHARLES E. SANDALL, this office, on 8/19/55 to advise that she visited Congressman WALTER in New York City on 8/18/55 during committee hearings on Communist infiltration of radio and theater field, and was hired by WALTER on a temporary basis as a staff member of HCUA. BENTLEY stated she expects to receive by mail from Washington, D. C. HCUA documents re KLAUS FUCHS case, on which she is to do some research.

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BENTLEY also spoke to Congressman WILLIS, Louisiana, on HCUA staff and both he and WALTER were anxious to resolve BENTLEY's tax problem quickly and promised to apply pressure on the Treasury Department. WALTER indicated he would enlist the aid of others, including SENATOR EASTLAND.

For your information, BENTLEY remarked that she is pleased to get other important people "into the act" on her tax situation to "take the load off of LOU NICHOLS, who has been going it alone, apparently."

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: 9/6/55

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH P. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

On 9/5/55 Miss BENTLEY advised that she planned to leave Madison, Connecticut, on 9/6/55 and motor to the College of the Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, where she will resume her teaching position; she plans to arrive there on or about 9/12/55. *Notes*

The Bureau and New York Office will note the above change of residence so that leads to contact Miss BENTLEY in Security matters may be appropriately routed to the New Orleans Office.

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New Haven, Conn.  
August 19, 1955

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DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

ATTENTION: L. B. NICHOLS AND  
A. H. BELMONT

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY,  
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# Office Memo • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: September 1, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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*Dr. Ryan*

On Sunday, August 28th, Elizabeth Bentley called me to advise that she is becoming more and more concerned over her personal plight. She pointed out that she had been in touch with friends at the Sacred Heart Convent at Sunset, Louisiana; that the embarrassment which occurred earlier in the summer when the Internal Revenue Service seized her bank account has now blown over and she is informed that there is considerable good feeling engendered toward her and that representations have been made that the issue of patriotism and duty entered into her return to the school. She pointed out that the Mother Superior had written to her after a representative of the Department of Justice had called on the Mother Superior to intercede and in short, the Mother Superior told her that this was a matter between Elizabeth Bentley and the Mother Superior and that she would work that out. In this connection, it will be recalled that Robert Minor on the instructions of the Attorney General had an Assistant U. S. Attorney in New Orleans call on the Mother Superior to intercede on behalf of Elizabeth Bentley. Minor subsequently reported to me that everything had worked out and that Elizabeth Bentley would be getting her job back. The school starts on September 12th and, naturally, Bentley is anxious for some definite word. Miss Bentley informed me that she had taken the job as a consultant with the House Committee on Un-American Activities since she felt that this would help her regain her status, but that there has been a delay in adjusting the income tax matter. Bentley was somewhat vague as to exactly what the status was on that score.

On August 30th, Robert Morris informed me that Bentley had told him that everything was settled; that a compromise agreement had been worked out for \$1,000 and that all that remained was for an additional agreement to be worked out with Internal Revenue whereby they would replace the \$258 seized from her bank account. Morris talked to Godfrey Schmidt, who informed him that the papers had been prepared offering \$1,000 in settlement of compromise and that the papers had been submitted to Internal Revenue Agent Hennessey in New York on August 30th. Schmidt, however, was insisting that Internal Revenue agree to replace the \$258 in Bentley's bank account. Morris told me that same day that T. Coleman Andrews was out of town until Friday, September 2nd, and

cc - Mr. Boardman  
cc - Mr. Belmont

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Memo for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

RE: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

he, Morris, was going to talk to Andrews and if Internal Revenue would not agree to putting \$258 back in Bentley's account, then Morris would suggest that friends get up the \$258, refund it to the Internal Revenue and in that way work out the arrangement.

I have informed Robert Minor of the delicate situation and Minor stated that he would follow the matter with the Treasury Department.

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# F.B.I. RADIOGRAM

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FROM NEW HAVEN

9-2-55

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DIRECTOR

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ATT: ASSISTANT DIR. L. B. NICHOLS. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY,  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE. BENTLEY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED  
THIS OFFICE TODAY ADVISING THAT SHE HAD TELEPHONED MR.  
NICHOLS LAST SUNDAY AND HAD EXPECTED TO HEAR FROM HIM  
THIS PAST WEEK RELATIVE TO THE STATUS OF HER BANK ACCOUNT  
IN LA., HER TAX SITUATION AND HER TEACHING JOB. BENTLEY  
STATED THAT SHE HAD JUST RECEIVED LETTER WRITTEN AUGUST 29,  
1955 BY MOTHER LE PERE OF SACRED HEART COLLEGE, BUT THAT  
LATTER STILL AVOIDS ANY DEFINITE STATEMENT THAT SHE WANTS  
BENTLEY TO RETURN TO SACRED HEART FACULTY. BENTLEY FEELS  
THAT LE PERE MAY BE STALLING, AWAITING A DEFINITE RELEASE  
BY TREASURY DEPT. THAT HER TAX SITUATION HAS BEEN RESOLVED.  
BENTLEY STATED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT HER TAX STATUS BE  
IMMEDIATELY RESOLVED AND THAT SHE WOULD BE UNABLE TO RETURN  
TO TEACHING POSITION UNLESS SAME HAD BEEN DONE. BENTLEY  
REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE FORWARDED TO MR. NICHOLS.

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Mr. Nichols

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Memo Nichols to Tolson 9-3-55 LBN

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓  
 FROM : L. B. Nichols ✓  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: September 3, 1955

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 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
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With reference to the radiogram from the New Haven Office dated 9/2/55 advising that Bentley had received a letter dated 8/29/55 from Mother Le Pere of Sacred Heart College avoiding any definite statement about Bentley's return, I wish to advise that I talked to Robert Minor again on the afternoon of September 3, 1955. Minor stated on Tuesday morning he would get a hold of David Kendall of the Treasury Department and try to force the issue of getting this resolved and he would then have either the United States Attorney in New Orleans or an Assistant United States Attorney go out and see Mother Le Pere on Tuesday or Wednesday.

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cc: Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Belmont

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: DIRECTOR, FBI

ELIZABETH P. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

ATTENTION: Asst. To The Director  
L. B. Nichols

Re radiogram from New Haven to Bureau, 9/2/55 and telephone call of Assistant to the Director L. B. NICHOLS to New Haven on 9/3/55.

On 9/3/55 and again on 9/5/55 Miss BENTLEY advised that she would immediately sign the various papers dealing with her tax situation and see to it that they were in the hands of her New York attorney on 9/6/55. Miss BENTLEY stated that she thought that she had signed all such papers recently in New York but had just found some additional ones which she had overlooked and would sign them immediately.

Miss BENTLEY expressed her gratitude to the Bureau and to Mr. NICHOLS for his guidance.

CASPER

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Mr. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Donohue

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Approved:

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Special Agent in Charge

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols *[initials]*

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: September 2, 1955

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Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

Robert Morris informed me on the afternoon of 9/2/55 that he had called T. Coleman Andrews, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, to inquire about the status of the income tax compromise worked out on behalf of Miss Bentley and the Internal Revenue Service. Andrews was very short to Morris and told him he did not know exactly where it stands at the present time; that, he, Andrews, had delegated the matter for handling and, if Morris wished to find out, he could check with those to whom Andrews had delegated responsibility for handling the matter. Morris stated that never in his life has he had such a brush off.

Morris subsequently informed me that he had been trying to get a hold of an Internal Revenue Agent named Hennessey who had been handling the matter. Hennessey told Morris the matter was awaiting an additional signature from Elizabeth Bentley. Morris then checked with Godfrey Schmidt, the attorney handling the matter for Bentley. Schmidt stated that after they had submitted a letter to Internal Revenue in the form suggested by Hennessey, that Internal Revenue had come back and requested that the matter be presented on a special form provided by Internal Revenue which accounts for the delay and that papers are now in the process of being signed by Elizabeth Bentley.

I informed Robert Minor of this development. Minor stated he was trying to get a hold of Assistant Commissioner Delk in line with the suggestion of David Kendall, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Minor stated that the manner in which Internal Revenue is handling this is one of the most disgusting things he knows. Minor is bearing down so that he can get this matter resolved and have the Assistant United States Attorney call on the Mother Superior at Sacred Heart Convent in order to insure Elizabeth Bentley getting her position.

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CC - Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: 9/8/55

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Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Shortly 4:00 p.m., today, Bob Minor of the Department advised Mr. McGuire that he had just heard from Internal Revenue regarding Elizabeth Bentley's tax affairs and he was told that Internal Revenue was waiting for an offer from her people and that it was the only thing holding up final settlement. Minor stated it seemed that there was some problem about reaching her attorney.

Accordingly, Mr. McGuire called Judge Bob Morris at Point Pleasant, New Jersey, and upon advising him of Minor's remark, Morris stated he would get busy as he thought he knew what the situation was with regard to her attorney.

SAC Casper, at New Haven, has advised that Miss Bentley has left New Haven and is presently enroute by automobile to Louisiana where her position at the convent has been squared away with the Sister Superior.

Mr. Boardman  
cc - Mr. Belmont

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September 12, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. BOARDMAN  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. NICHOLS

During my conference with the Attorney General on September 8, 1955, I took occasion to call to his personal attention the handling of the case of Miss Bentley by the Internal Revenue Service, particularly the rather shoddy "brush-off" given to Judge Morris, who was interceding in Miss Bentley's interests with Commissioner Andrews of the Internal Revenue Service. I cited this case as indicative of the gross lack of cooperation upon the part of the Treasury Department in a matter which was reasonably simple of solution.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Elizabeth Bentley

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: 9/12/55

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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Bob Minor of the Department told Mr. McGuire late Friday evening, 9/9/55, Internal Revenue had advised him that afternoon that Elizabeth Bentley's attorney was holding up any offer in compromise of her tax problems until Thursday, 9/15/55. Apparently, Bentley is not satisfied with the arrangements that had been made to date and the offer will be held up until she returns to New York City on Thursday.

cc - Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Belmont

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Resigned: 6/27/52. Ex-Interview reflected that  
Plant was resigning primarily in order to make  
more money in view of his increasing responsibilities.  
At the time of his resignation, Plant was a supervisor  
in the Espionage Unit of the Domestic Intelligence Div.  
Services satisfactory.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For purposes of the record, I wish to advise you as to  
the details of a visit which I received from a Benjamin Ginzburg on  
Friday, September 16, 1955. Mr. Ginzburg identified himself as Research  
Director for the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, Senate Committee  
on the Judiciary, and called on me at my office with the Subcommittee on  
welfare and Pension Funds, Room 764, HOLC Building, 101 Indiana Avenue,  
N. W., Washington, D. C.

According to Mr. Ginzburg, the Subcommittee on Consti-  
tutional Rights in connection with its inquiries is extremely interested  
in Elizabeth Bentley and the allegations she has made to various agencies  
and groups. He claimed that many contradictions had appeared in charges  
as made by Miss Bentley at different times; that the entire loyalty and  
security program as operated in the Government today was initiated by her  
charges; and that if these charges were found to be false the entire pro-  
gram would be affected. He observed that "it is our understanding that you  
have considerable personal knowledge of Miss Bentley and her allegations."  
It is presumed that by "our" he referred to the subcommittee staff. He  
then "wondered" if I would agree to be interviewed by an attorney on their  
staff, a "Mr. Massey" (phonetic) who "is on loan to the subcommittee from  
the Library of Congress." Mr. Ginzburg went on to state in effect that  
"we have been thinking - and it is still only in the thinking stage - of  
the possibility of having the people upstairs agree to let you come over  
on loan for a month or so to help us in this particular phase of the work."  
At my request he identified "the people upstairs" as Senator Hennings,  
chairman of his subcommittee, and Senator Paul Douglas, chairman of the sub-  
committee for which I am now working.

Mr. Ginzburg was emphatically informed that any knowledge  
I might have concerning Elizabeth Bentley, other than what I had read in  
news accounts, would have come to me as an Agent of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation and not as an individual; that, therefore, I would consider my  
disclosure of any such information to unauthorized parties as being in viola-  
tion of the oath I took upon becoming an Agent, as a possible violation of  
law, and as being entirely unethical. As an employee of the U. S. Senate, I  
told him I would like to cooperate with any committee of that body, but that  
in this instance I could not and would not. I stated that if he desired to  
contact the Bureau and secure authorization for me to give information to him  
or Mr. Massey, then I would help to the best of my limited ability.

Mr. Ginzburg said he appreciated "knowing how I felt," and  
my "speaking so frankly." He indicated he knew I had participated in the  
first interview with Miss Bentley but did not state how he became apprised  
of this information.

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Sizoo  
Mr. Winterrowd  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

SEP 21 1955

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In commenting on Miss Bentley and the contradictions the claims appear in her charges, Ginzburg stated that she has related that she first came to the FBI in New Haven; that she related her story there; and that thereafter she was under surveillance at the time she met "Al" and received the "\$2,000." On the other hand, he added, "Mr. Hoover" has advised that she first came to the FBI in New York City in November 1945."

Mr. Ginzburg was not known to me prior to this visit. I do not know how he came to approach me, or what delusions he had that caused him to think I would consent to giving any information. In the event of further approaches to me in connection with this matter, they will be brought to the attention of the Bureau.

With all best wishes for continued success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Francis X. Plant*  
Francis X. Plant

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *[initials]*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *[initials]*

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: Sept. 22, 1955

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Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Irving Ferman, the Washington representative of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), has advised me in confidence that he has determined that Ginzberg of the Hennings Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights has a maniacal fixation on Elizabeth Bentley and has arranged for a Dr. Mase, who is on the payroll of the Library of Congress, to devote his full time to studying the inconsistencies in the Elizabeth Bentley testimony in building up a case against her. Mase is Russian born, he is working secretly, according to Ferman, in Room 4-B of the Senate and is on the payroll of the Library of Congress. Marshall MacDuffie, strangely enough, is likewise very much concerned and feels that if the Committee launches an attack on Elizabeth Bentley that this will mean a ruination of the Committee. MacDuffie feels so strongly that he has gone to Senator O'Mahoney and complained. O'Mahoney, likewise, is disturbed and has stated to MacDuffie that if something is not worked out to put some checks on this Committee that he, O'Mahoney, will resign from the Committee. O'Mahoney contemplates making a strong protest to Senator Tom Hennings when he returns from Europe either this week end or early next week.

Ferman states he is becoming more and more concerned with Ginzberg and has recently learned that Joseph Freeman, a New York attorney, had recommended that Ginzberg come up and talk to the staff of the ACLU.

It seems to me that we ought to get a discreet line on Dr. Mase and call this to the attention of the Department because this certainly does seem to be a misuse of Government funds even though the Library of Congress is under the Legislative Branch rather than the Executive Branch.

cc - Mr. Boardman  
cc - Mr. Belmont

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Nichols  
Belmont  
Branigan  
Jensen

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (orig and one)

September 27, 1955

Director, FBI

ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

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I thought you would be interested in the following information which has been furnished to the Bureau

A confidential source who has an association with the American Civil Liberties Union advised that Benjamin Ginzburg, Research Director for the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, has a maniacal fixation on Elizabeth Bentley and has arranged for a Dr. Mase who is on the payroll of the Library of Congress to devote his full time to studying the inconsistencies in the various testimonies of Elizabeth Bentley in building a case against her.

In connection with the foregoing information Francis X. Plant, a former Special Agent of the Bureau, advised that on September 16, 1955, he was contacted by Benjamin Ginzburg. According to Plant, Ginzburg advised the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights was interested in Bentley and the allegations she has made to various agencies in the past. Ginzburg claimed that many contradictions had appeared in Bentley's charges and that the entire loyalty and security program as operated in the Government today was initiated by her charges and that if these charges were found to be false the entire program would be affected. Ginzburg asked Plant whether he would consent to an interview by an attorney on the Subcommittee staff who is on loan to the Subcommittee from the Library of Congress. This attorney was identified as a Mr. Massey (phonetic).

Former Special Agent Plant advised Ginzburg that any knowledge he had concerning Bentley other than that he had read in newspaper accounts he received as an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and not as an individual and, therefore, Plant considered disclosure of such information to unauthorized persons in violation of the oath Plant had taken as an Agent, as a possible violation of the law and entirely unethical. Plant stated he told Mr. Ginzburg that as an employee of the United States Senate he would like to cooperate with any committee of that body but in this instance he could not and would not. For your additional information former Special Agent Plant was one of the agents who were present at the time Bentley was interviewed.

NOTE: Cover memo from Belmont to Boardman prepared 9-26-55 by RGJ:rmp in connection with the outgoing mail.

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**LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

regarding her espionage activities in New York City on November 7, 1945. ~~I have advised former Special Agent Plant that his file went to Stinson, was a correct one.~~

Our files reflect the following information regarding a Sadi J. Mase, a Library of Congress employee, who appears identical with the Dr. Sadi Mase previously mentioned. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

Sadi J. Mase was born in Moscow, Russia, on April 11, 1900, and entered the United States in May, 1938. This employee's file at the Library of Congress indicated that from 1925 to 1929 he was a member of the Russian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the Philosophical Department and was on the Dialectical Commission for the Russian Academy. From 1929 to 1932 Mase reportedly studied law in Germany and taught languages. [REDACTED]

Mase was Technical Advisor, Office of the U. S. Chief of Counsel for War Crimes, United States Army from August 19, 1945, until September 9, 1947. Our preliminary inquiry regarding Mase indicated [REDACTED] with his associates at Syracuse University in 1952 and 1953. (b)(7)(C)

One associate advised he heard Mase state, "Hiss was not guilty." Alexander Malkin who was associated with Mase at Syracuse University said Mase was opposed to including any material in the Russian program at Syracuse University which would furnish information about current conditions in Russia. Mase, according to Malkin, denied Soviet responsibility for the "Katyn Forest Massacre" during World War II.

A source who was in a position to furnish reliable information advised in January, 1954, that the name [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hede Massing, a self-admitted former Communist Party member and Soviet espionage agent, advised in August, 1953. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED] In 1953 and 1954 Sadi J. Mase lived at 635 Riverside Drive and had telephone number TO 2-9944.

In 1951 and 1952 Mase was connected with the Institute

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**LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

of Contemporary Russian Studies at Fordham University. Inquiry at Fordham University developed no information to indicate Hase was considered disloyal to the United States.

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cc - 1 - Mr. William P. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General

cc - 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

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Nichols  
Belmont  
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September 27, 1955

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Mr. Francis X. Plant (original)  
3218 Ravensworth Place  
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. Plant:

I would like to take this opportunity to  
thank you for the information which you furnished in  
your letter of September 20, 1955.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE:

Cover memo from Belmont to Boardman prepared  
by RGJ:rmp on 9-26-55 in connection with the outgoing mail.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: Sept. 26, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

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Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
F.B.I.

Mr. Nichols in his memorandum to Mr. Tolson 9-22-55 stated Irving Ferman, Washington representative of the American Civil Liberties Union, advised in confidence that Benjamin Ginzburg of the Hennings Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights has a fixation on Elizabeth Bentley and has arranged for a Dr. Mase who is on the payroll of the Library of Congress to devote his full time to studying inconsistencies in the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley. It was suggested we advise the Department of information available on Dr. Mase. The Director agreed.

In connection with Dr. Mase and Ginzburg, former SA Francis A. Plant advised by letter dated 9-20-55 of a visit made to him by Ginzburg on 9-16-55. Ginzburg indicated to Plant that the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights was interested in Bentley and the various allegations she has made. Ginzburg claimed many contradictions had appeared in Bentley's charges made at different times. Plant was asked if he could consent to an interview by a Mr. Massey (phonetic) who is on loan to the subcommittee from the Library of Congress as it was understood Plant had considerable personal knowledge of Bentley and her allegations. Ginzburg indicated the possibility existed, though only in the thinking stage as yet, that Plant might be loaned to the Subcommittee to help on this phase of the work. Ginzburg identified Senator Hennings of his subcommittee and Senator Paul Douglas of the subcommittee for which Plant works as those who would have to agree to this loan. Plant stated he emphatically advised Ginzburg that any knowledge he had regarding Bentley other than that seen in newspaper accounts he received as an agent of the FBI and not as an individual. Plant stated to Ginzburg disclosure of any such information would violate the oath he took as an agent, was a possible violation of the law and entirely unethical. Plant said he also told Ginzburg that as an employee of the US Senate he would like to cooperate with any committee of that body but in this instance could not and would not.

A search of Bureau files for data re Dr. Mase reflects one Sadi J. Mase, a Library of Congress employee is at present

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E.J. McLaughlin

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Memorandum Belmont to Boardman

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It is known Sadi J. Mase lived at 635 Riverside Drive and had telephone number TO 2-9944 during 1953 and 1954. (b)(7)(d)

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Mase is Russian born and entered the United States in May, 1938. Information furnished by members of the teaching staff at Syracuse University where Mase was employed in 1952 and 1953 reflected Mase was reported to have said he was convinced "Hiss was not guilty." Mase was also reported by one individual as "way over on politics" giving the inference that Mase took a "left-wing" view of the political situation as opposed to a "right-wing" view. Inquiry at Fordham University where Mase was employed from 1951 to 1952 developed no information to indicate Mase was disloyal to the United States.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Attached letter of acknowledgement to former SA Francis X. Plant be approved and forwarded.

(2) Attached letter wherein data contained in this memorandum is incorporated be approved and forwarded to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins be approved and forwarded.

Memorandum

UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 11, 1955

FROM: L. E. Nichols

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SUBJECT: SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Irving Ferman confidentially informed me that Marshall MacDuffie has submitted his resignation to Senator Hennings. He has attached to his resignation a strong statement in opposition to the activities of Ben Ginzberg with reference to investigating Elizabeth Bentley. Hennings has told MacDuffie that there will be no investigation of Elizabeth Bentley, and Dr. Mase of the Library of Congress, who was doing some work on the Bentley case, is now off the Committee payroll. Hennings is holding up MacDuffie's resignation, however, MacDuffie is insisting that he will go through with it.

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cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

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NR	1/12/54	NEWS ARTICLE	1	1	
NR	11/20/53	LETTER FROM THIRD PARTY	1	1	
NR	11/27/53	LETTER SIZOO TO BELMONT	1	1	
NR	12/30/53	LETTER NK TO HQ - 3rd. PARTY	1	1	
NR	4/22/55	LETTER ROACH TO BELMONT	2	2	
NR	4/28/55	LETTER HQ. TO AG	1	1	
199	10/12/55	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
200	10/12/55	LETTER BELMONT TO BOARDMAN	2	2	
201	10/19/55	AIRTEL ND TO HQ	1	1	
202	10/24/55	AIRTEL ND TO HQ	1	1	
NR	10/31/55	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	5	0	Referred
NR	11/7/55	LETTER HQ TO ALBANY	4	2	

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203	11/14/55	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
204	11/19/55	LETTER HQ TO NO	1	1	
205	11/23/55	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
206	11/23/55	BOARDMAN LETTER BELMONT TO	1	1	
207	11/28/55	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	1	
208	12/9/55	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
209	12/9/55	LETTER HQ TO BENTLEY	1	1	
209	12/4/55	W/ENCL. LETTER BENTLEY TO HQ	2	2	
NR	1/3/56	LETTER HQ TO AG	2	2	
NR	12/30/55	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
210	1/16/56	W/ENCL. LETTER NO TO HQ	2	2	
NR	1/20/56	REPORT NY TO HQ	12	0	Referred



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211	1/27/56	W/ENCL AIRTEL HQ TO NO	2	2	
212	1/31/56	AIRTEL NO TO HQ	1	1	
213	6/5/56	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
214	6/18/56	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
NR	7/20/56	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	1	
NR	8/1/56	FD-192 - BULKY	1	1	
NR	8/8/56	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	2	2	
NR	9/7/56	LETTER HQ TO ALBANY	2	2	
215	9/21/56	LETTER HQ TO NH	1	1	
NR	12/26/56	LETTER HQ TO NY	2	1	
216	10/3/56	LETTER NH TO HQ	1	1	
NR	11/15/57	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	

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217	5/16/57	LETTER 3RD PARTY TO HQ	2	2	
217(OUT.)	5/23/57	LETTER HQ TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
218	7/8/57	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
219	7/12/57	LETTER NICHOLS TO TOLSON	1	1	
NR	7/26/57	TELETYPE NK TO HQ.	2	2	
NR	7/26/57	TELETYPE NY TO HQ	1	1	
NR	7/27/57	TELETYPE NK TO HQ	1	1	
NR	9/5/57	LETTER HQ TO ALBANY	1	1	
NR	11/8/57	LETTER NY TO HQ	4	4	
NR	12/26/57	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
NR	3/21/58	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	

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220	3/25/58	LETTER NH TO HQ	2	2	
221	5/15/58	LETTER NH TO HQ	2	1	
NR	5/20/58	AIRTEL NY TO HQ	1	1	
NR	4/29/58	AIRTEL NY TO HQ	1	1	
222 inc	5/29/58	LETTER NH TO HQ	2	2	
222 OUT	6/16/58	LETTER HQ TO NH	2	2	
223	9/19/58	LETTER NEASE TO TOLSON	1	1	
224	2/2/59	LETTER N.H. TO HQ	1	1	
224	2/25/59	LETTER HQ TO N.H.	1	1	
225	2/19/59	LETTER BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	2	2	
NR	3/26/59	LETTER HQ TO ALBANY	3	3	
NR	5/13/59	LETTER HQ TO ALBANY	2	2	

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226	4/30/59	LETTER N.H. TO HQ	2	2	
226	5/18/59	LETTER HQ. TO NH	1	1	
227	5/14/59	LETTER BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	2	2	
228	8/13/59	LETTER " " "	2	2	
229	8/10/59	LETTER SUBJECT TO HQ	1	1	
229	8/13/59	LETTER HQ TO SUBJECT	1	1	
230	9/25/59	LETTER NH TO HQ	1	1	
231	11/11/59	W/NOTE LETTER SUBJECT TO HQ	1 1/2	4	
231(OUT.)	11/19/59	LETTER HQ TO SUBJECT	1	1	
NR	2/12/60	LETTER STANLEY TO ROSEN	2	2	
NR	5/12/60	LETTER HQ TO NY	2	2	
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<u>232</u>	<u>5/31/61</u>	<u>LETTER SUBJECT TO HQ</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<u>232</u>	<u>6/7/61</u>	<u>LETTER HQ TO SUBJECT</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
<u>233</u>	<u>9/18/62</u>	<u>W/1 COPY</u> <u>LETTER SUBJECT TO HQ</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	
<u>NR</u>	<u>11/23/62</u>	<u>LETTER AVER TO BRANIGAN</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
<u>234</u>	<u>12/3/63</u>	<u>RADIOGRAM NH TO HQ</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
<u>235</u>	<u>12/3/63</u>	<u>LETTER BRANIGAN TO SULLIVAN</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
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<u>236</u>	<u>12/9/63</u>	<u>AIRTEL HQ TO NH</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
<u>237</u>	<u>12/11/63</u>	<u>AIRTEL S.F. TO HQ</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	

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*Brantigan*

## Miss Bentley Refuses To Talk of Testimony Against White

By the Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 12.—Miss Elizabeth Bentley, an admitted former Soviet agent, refuses to discuss testimony in which she told a congressional committee that the late Harry Dexter White was a member of the Communist background.

Now a teacher at the College of the Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau, La., Miss Bentley came here last night to attend a lecture by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, who converted her to Catholicism after her testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee on July 31, 1948.

Miss Bentley told a reporter that since the renewed publicity on her testimony, the press had beaten a path to her door at Grand Coteau, about 130 miles west of here.

The reporter asked her to comment on her testimony.

"I don't want to get into this," she said. "I'd rather you read the record. The testimony of a witness before a body is worth more than an off-hand statement."

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**Dear Lou:**

I am flying East tonight and will be at the Waldorf Astoria (probably in a broom closet) for five or six days while I tape Oksana Kasenkina and perhaps Bella Dodd for future shows. Mr. Brownell suggested Dodd to me, and I think she might be a very good subject. There is also a wonderful story in John Lautner if I can locate him when I get to Washington.

The show is really catching on now. That is one of the reasons for my trip. It's about time NBC came up with a sponsor.

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Gibbs,

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: 11-27-53

FROM : MR. J. A. SIZOO

SUBJECT: RADIO PROGRAM "LAST MAN OUT"

A review was made of the script entitled "Fred Beal" and the script entitled "Lou Rosser" in the Internal Security Section. These scripts were not found to be defective in any substantial way although it was pointed out that Rosser testified in Smith Act trials in both Los Angeles and New York and both cases are now pending on appeal, and it might not be advantageous to the appeal of these cases to have Rosser publicized in such an article. Departmental clearance might be desirable under the circumstances.

Supervisor Whitson, of the Espionage Section read the script concerning Elizabeth Bentley. He pointed out that it appeared to be highly fictionized and the names of the individuals referred to have been changed. However, he indicated there is a grave error in the script in which Bentley is shown to have been at work for the FBI as a "double agent" from August, 1943. This is a serious error because Elizabeth Bentley did not act as a "double agent" for the FBI beginning August, 1943. Jacob Golos, her superior and with whom she was intimate, did not die until November 27, 1943. Elizabeth Bentley admitted her espionage activities to the Bureau in November, 1945. She could have been considered acting as a "double agent" thereafter until December 7, 1945, when her Soviet superior, Anatoli Gromov, left for Moscow only by stretching the term "double agent" to include a person who meets with a foreign principal but receives no espionage assignment.

He also pointed out that the setting of August, 1943, as a date on which Bentley became a "double agent" for the FBI might confuse the Soviets but also confuses the record.

JAS:mrn

CC: Mr. Nichols

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LOUIS ADAMS  
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INTERNAL SEC DEL ACT OF 1950

ReBuairtel 10/26/53, case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R" and New York letter to Newark dated 12/14/53.

A comparison was made of information re captioned subject found on page 137 of ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book, "Out of Bondage", with information furnished the Bureau by Miss Bentley as reflected in subject's file.

The information appearing in Miss Bentley's book does not materially add to or differ from material previously furnished to the Bureau. Report of SA ROBERT T. BLOOM dated 9/9/49, at New York sets out and attributes to Miss BENTLEY substantially the same information that appears in her book, "Out of Bondage." TUC.

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TO : MR. A. B. BELMONT

DATE: April 22, 1955

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS EMPLOYEES  
LOYALTY BOARD (UNITED NATIONS LOYALTY BOARD)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On April 20, 1955, Liaison Agent Bates called on Judge Henry S. Waldman, who is Chairman of the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board (IOELB). Inquiry was made of Judge Waldman as to whether there were any questions he might have involving the Bureau and its responsibilities under the United Nations program. Judge Waldman replied that there were no problems and that he was most appreciative of the excellent manner in which the Bureau has assisted the Board in the past. He stated he was most appreciative of the opportunity to talk with the Director on March 10, 1955, shortly after he had assumed the Chairmanship of the Board.

Judge Waldman then commented concerning the William Henry Taylor case in view of the recent newspaper publicity regarding it. Taylor is an employee of the International Monetary Fund and was identified by Elizabeth Bentley as being a member of the Silvermaster group. The Board has been considering this case for over a year and has held numerous hearings. Recently Taylor and his attorney, Byron Scott, appeared before the Board and presented a brief which, according to Judge Waldman, was a diabolically clever attack on Miss Bentley and the Government's loyalty program as a whole.

Judge Waldman felt that regardless of the decision rendered by the Board in the Taylor case, there would be attacks by outside sources on the Board itself and Bentley in particular. Judge Waldman stated he was afraid this attack might be directed against the Bureau and he wanted the Bureau to know that he felt such attack would be unwarranted and he would do all he could to counter such attacks.

Bates informed Judge Waldman that the Bureau had been unjustly attacked in the past and that we did not hesitate to

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Clegg  
1 - Mr. Glavin  
1 - Mr. J. L. Cole  
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Memo to Mr. Belmont  
from Mr. Roach

fight such attacks and would continue to do so in the future. Judge Waldman pointed out that the brief submitted by Taylor and Scott was of such a diabolical nature that he felt it should be brought to the attention of the Director and the Attorney General. He concluded by saying the Board would not be influenced in its decision on the Taylor case by these attacks and that even though their decision might be unpopular, it would be made based on sound judgment. Judge Waldman again expressed his sincere appreciation for the assistance the Bureau has rendered and stated he was available to assist the Bureau in any way possible.

Bates checked with the Executive Secretary of the Board and it was found that the Washington Field Office received a copy of this brief on the morning of April 20, 1955. The Field Office had been requested to obtain this by the Bureau.

**ACTION:**

This is submitted for your information.

The brief of over 100 pages has been received and an analysis is being made of it by the Espionage Section on a point-by-point basis. Each item is being carefully checked.

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 1 - Rogers  
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 1 - Mr. Tolson  
 1 - Mr. Clegg

April 20, 1953

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DIRECTOR, FBI 134-435  
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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
 EMPLOYEES LOYALTY BOARD

The following information was received by a representative of this Bureau from Judge Henry S. Waldman, who is Chairman of the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board. Judge Waldman referred to recent newspaper publicity regarding the William Henry Taylor case. Taylor is an employee of the International Monetary Fund and was identified by Miss Elizabeth Bentley as being a member of the Silvermaster group. The International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board has been considering this case for over a year and has held several hearings.

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The above comments by Judge Waldman are being furnished for your information.

1 - Mr. William P. Rogers  
 Deputy Attorney General

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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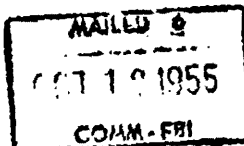
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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: OCT. 12, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BOARDMAN

TICKLERS:

Boardman  
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SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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Bentley has advised that her firm the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation on 11-1-46 received a cable from Intourist advising the Amalgamated Bank of New York was to be the successor to her firm in forwarding parcels to Russia. Bentley in her statement (11-30-45) furnished no information regarding any contacts with Needleman or with Amtorg. It might be noted Bentley publicly testified in the Summer of 1948 and it is unlikely Needleman had contacts, if any, with her after that date as he claims. Bentley has advised her firm began operating in about April, 1941, and was organized on the basis of talks between Jacob Golos and Earl Browder. An anonymous source which had access to records of Bentley's firm in 1941 showed that her firm acted as exclusive agent for Intourist. According to "Who's Who" (1952-53) Harriman was not Ambassador to the USSR until 1943-46. This period is subsequent to the time that Bentley's firm began operating and had dealings with Intourist.

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Memorandum Belmont to Boardman

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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(2) ASAC Simon (NY office) was telephonically contacted 10-11-55 regarding the delay in reporting the data received from the informant on 6-22-55 and not submitted to the Bureau until 10-7-55. ASAC Simon advised he is securing explanations for this delay and will submit these as well as the recommendations for administrative action. J

(3) Attached letter to New York requesting investigation be instituted to develop information about book being prepared by Hagelberg be approved and forwarded. J

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, NEW ORLEANS (134-89) 10/19/55

DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435) AIRMAIL

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Reurairtel, 10/12/55.

BENTLEY is in process of moving and unavailable for interview due to other commitments. She will be interviewed as soon as residence established, which will be in week of 10/24/55 and Bureau will be promptly advised.

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Mr. Belmont

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Miss Gandy	_____

AIR TEL

Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to:

FBI, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)

10/24/55

DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

AIR TEL

AIR MAIL

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Reurairtel October 12, 1955.

On October 22, 1955, BENTLEY advised at Grand Coteau, La., that she had no dealings with Amtorg or Isidore Gibby Needleman, except for conversation (telephonic) with someone at Amtorg in 1941, who was possibly NEEDLEMAN, when Amtorg was trying to get her company, U. S. Service and Shipping Corp., to handle their business through Amtorg. She stated she mentioned the conversation to her superior, JACOB NATHAN GOLLOS, and heard nothing else from Amtorg. She stated the setting up of U. S. Service and Shipping Corp. was handled by GOLLOS who was then president of World Tourist, which then became a sub-agent of her company; that GOLLOS set up her company on behalf of Russian Secret Police and arranged for contract with Intourist; that she does not know AVERELL HARRIMAN personally, has never talked to him, and, so far as she knows, he had nothing to do with procurement of contract between her company and Intourist; that the law firm of Clark, Carr and Ellis, 120 Broadway, did some legal work for her company in the way of obtaining licenses and insurance and it is her understanding this firm also represented AVERELL HARRIMAN. She stated she knew who NEEDLEMAN was from GOLLOS; however, aside from telephone call referred to above, she never had any contact with him at any time. She stated that after GOLLOS died Intourist lost interest in her company and the contract was cancelled; that although NEEDLEMAN probably had something to do with cancellation, she did not know it to be a fact. She stated that she knew of no American, who helped her company get the contract with Intourist; that contract worked out by GOLLOS.

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Mr. Belmont

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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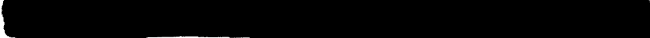
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*File* Director, FBI (66-18772)

ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS  
(FULL UTILIZATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS  
AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION)

ReBulet 8-18-55.

The following changes should be made concerning individuals previously included in this program:

 referred (b)(7)(D) to in SAC Letter 53-61, has not been in contact with Czech matters in recent years and should be deleted.

Elizabeth Bentley, referred to in Bulet dated 6-3-55 and in prior communications, has now returned to College of the Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau, Louisiana. Leads to contact her should be directed to the New Orleans office.

cc - 2 - Albuquerque	cc - 2 - Houston	cc - 2 - Oklahoma City
Anchorage	Indianapolis	Omaha
Atlanta	Kansas City	Philadelphia
Baltimore	Knoxville	Phoenix
Birmingham	Little Rock	Pittsburgh
Boston	Los Angeles	Portland
Buffalo	Louisville	Richmond
Butte	Memphis	St. Louis
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Letter to SAC, Albany

In view of present physical condition of Whittaker Chambers, referred to in Bulet 3-21-55 and prior communications, he should be deleted.

(b)(7)(D)  
[redacted] referred to in SAC Letter 54-1 and Bureau memorandum of 8-18-55 has been discontinued as a source of information and should be deleted.

(b)(7)(D)  
[redacted] referred to in SAC Letter 54-1, has been discontinued and should be deleted.

(b)(7)(D)  
Information obtained from [redacted] referred to in No Number SAC Letter dated 5-4-50 and Bulets dated 5-16-55 and 6-3-55, may now be credited to him by name.

(b)(7)(D)  
[redacted] referred to in SAC Letter 54-28, is now available as a witness. His identity need not be protected.

(b)(7)(D)  
Information received from [redacted] referred to in SAC Letter 54-1 and Bureau memorandum of 5-16-55, can now be credited to him by name. He is available as a witness.

(b)(7)(D)  
Contact with [redacted] referred to in SAC Letters 53-61, 54-63 and Bureau memoranda of 3-21-55 and 8-18-55, has been discontinued and he should be deleted.

If prepared, index cards concerning the above-mentioned individuals should be amended accordingly.

The following additional confidential informants and sources of information are set forth for your information and utilization:

Letter to SAC, Albany

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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(b)(7)(D)

Letter to SAC, Albany

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(b)(7)(D)

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: November 14, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

**ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY**Elizabeth T. Bentley

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Malbe	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

On the night of November 14, 1955, I received calls from both Robert Morris and Elizabeth Bentley. Bentley called Morris and subsequently called me. She was pretty much agitated. Two months have elapsed and she has heard nothing of the offer of compromise on her income tax matter. I told her that I had assumed it had all been taken care of and I had heard nothing further. I inquired if she had been in touch with her attorney, Godfrey Schmitt. She said she had heard nothing from him for a month and a half. She had an intuition that something was wrong. She had just learned that Coleman Andrews had left Internal Revenue. I told her to see Schmitt. I told her we had heard nothing here. She was leaving on November 15 to go to Dallas to make some lectures and would be back this weekend. She was almost afraid to leave for fear Internal Revenue would start another action against her. I told her I thought she was being unduly concerned.

Morris told me that the problem was that there had been an offer of compromise; it has been accepted but the money has not been paid and he was going to talk to Godfrey Schmitt on November 15 and see what could be worked out.

cc: Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Belmont  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED

GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (134-435)  
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (134-89)  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

DATE: November 23, 1955

ReBulet 11/9/55.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY was contacted at Grand Couteau, Louisiana, on November 21, 1955. She said she has seen JAY LOVESTONE on only one occasion. This was in 1948, at Washington, D.C., while the House Committee on Un-American Activities was holding some of its hearings. She does not recall just how the meeting was arranged, but she believes LOVESTONE was also a witness at some of these hearings. He evidently expressed his desire to meet her to one of the Committee members.

One of the committee members whose name she does not recall brought LOVESTONE over to the Congressional Hotel where she was staying to see her. She said the main thing that impressed her about LOVESTONE was the fact that he completely dominated the conversation. She does not recall specifically what they discussed, but she does remember that LOVESTONE expressed the opinion that the Communists of that period were "soft" and were a great deal different from the "rough and tumble" type he used to know.

Miss BENTLEY said she has had no further contact with LOVESTONE. RUC.

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## Office Memo.

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GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: 11-23-55

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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(b)(1)

Mr. Nichols by memo 11-14-55 advised that on night of 11-14 he received calls from Robert Morris and Bentley. Bentley had called Morris and subsequently called Mr. Nichols. Bentley was agitated and indicated two months had elapsed and she had heard nothing of offer of compromise on her tax problem. Mr. Nichols told her to call her attorney, Godfrey Schmidt. Bentley was told she appeared unduly concerned.

Since Bentley was told to see her attorney, it <sup>is</sup> not believed the New York office should contact Schmidt.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached letter to New York requesting no contact be made with Schmidt, Bentley's attorney, be approved and forwarded.

Enclosure

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cc: 65-57905

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Belmont  
Branigan  
Jensen

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ticklers: Nichols  
Boardman  
Belmont  
Branigan  
Jensen

SAC, New York (134-182) (orig and one)

November 28, 1955

Director, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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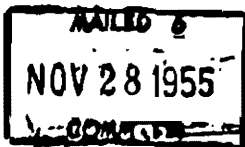
For your information, Elizabeth T. Bentley called the Bureau on 11-14-55. During this call it was suggested to Bentley that she see her attorney, Godfrey Schmidt, regarding her income tax matter. Therefore, no contact should be made by your office with Schmidt regarding Bentley's tax problem. U

cc - 2 - New Orleans (134-89)

cc - 1 - 65-57905

NOTE: A cover memo from Belmont to Boardman was prepared by RGJ:rmp on 11-23-55 in connection with the outgoing mail. U

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V*

DATE: December 9, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

**ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY**

Tolson	<i>/</i>
Boardman	<i>/</i>
Nichols	<i>/</i>
Belmont	<i>/</i>
Harbo	<i>/</i>
Mohr	<i>/</i>
Parsons	<i>/</i>
Rosen	<i>/</i>
Tamm	<i>/</i>
Sizoo	<i>/</i>
Winterrowd	<i>/</i>
Tele. Room	<i>/</i>
Holloman	<i>/</i>
Gandy	<i>/</i>

Elizabeth Bentley called me two weeks ago on Sunday night quite distraught over her tax situation claiming she had not heard from Godfrey Schmidt. Bob Morris has talked to Schmidt and Schmidt tells him that all that remains is for her to pay the \$1,000. Morris also told me that Hennessey, the Internal Revenue Agent who handled this matter, contacted him last week to advise that the Treasury was awaiting word from Bentley. Morris informed me today that he had received a copy of Bentley's ultimatum to Schmidt. Morris has talked to Schmidt and has told him he must write Bentley.

I, accordingly, think that I should acknowledge her letter pointing out that it was my understanding that all that remained was for her to pay up her tax liabilities.

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cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

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December 9, 1955

Miss Elizabeth Bentley  
College of the Sacred Heart  
Grand Coteau, Louisiana

Dear Miss Bentley:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of December 4, 1955, enclosing your communication to Mr. Godfrey Schmidt.

Following your telephone call a couple weeks ago, I made inquiries and I would have assumed that you were aware of the situation by now. While I have the report second-hand, it appears that all that remains is to perfect the agreement that was worked out by making arrangements to pay the stipulated sum on your tax obligation. I certainly hope that for your own peace of mind the matter can be adjusted amicably in the near future.

With every good wish and the season's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

L. B. Nichols

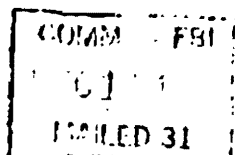
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cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

COVER MEMO to Mr. Tolson from Mr. Nichols dated 12-9-55; LBN:gjm

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Elizabeth Bentley  
College of the Sacred Heart  
Grand Coteau, Louisiana

December 4, 1955

Mr. Louis Nichols  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th Street  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Lou:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter, written to my attorney, Godfrey Schmidt, in reference to the affair of my 1951 income tax.

As you know, I have been anxious to settle up this matter for some time but for some reason that I do not understand things have dragged on for over six months. None of this is any of my doing and I am getting a little weary of waiting patiently. It may very well be that my attorney is doing the best he can for me and is not writing because he has run into difficulties, but at least he owes me a report on the matter. Should the U.S. Treasury, particularly in its present peculiar mood, pull another "fast one", it would be legally I who would be responsible for the long inactivity and not my lawyer, even though like most laymen I am completely dependent on someone who does know law. Therefore, I feel justified in issuing this ultimatum to him.

I am letting you know about my action in this matter because it is obvious that this affair of mine with the U.S. Treasury is not a question of an individual U.S. citizen getting into difficulties with the government over mistakes in an income tax but because at present I seem to be Target No. 1 for my "old friends". Therefore this is a matter which equally concerns the F.B.I. or any other agency which is fighting subversion.

Probably there is nothing that you or anyone else in the Bureau can do about this matter and I wouldn't expect that you could. However, if you do know anyone in authority in the Internal Revenue Bureau who not only puts the interests of his country ~~first~~ the interests of his politics and who in addition is sufficiently intelligent about international affairs to realize the implications of an affair such as this, I wish that you would let me know. I want no special favors from the government; what I do want is a chance to settle this matter up equitably without giving further ammunition to the enemy.

A very Merry Christmas and my best wishes for the best next year yet.  
And more power to the F.B.I.!!

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Bentley*  
Elizabeth Bentley

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December 4, 1955

\*  
Mr. Godfrey P. Schmidt  
12 East 41st Street  
New York City, N.Y.

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Dear Godfrey:

SCHMIDT

Well over two months have passed and still I have had no word from you regarding the final settlement of my 1951 income tax, which has now been in the works for more than six months. As all of the conditions prescribed by the Treasury Department have long since been met by me, I can see no reason for such delay, and hence I can only assume that either the matter has been satisfactorily adjusted and you have not found time to write me, or that unexpected difficulties have arisen about which you have not informed me.

In either case, I believe that, as my attorney, you have the obligation to give me a complete report on the situation and I shall expect one from you by December 20th, at the latest. If, for any reason, you feel that you can no longer represent me in this matter, please enclose with your report the papers and documents which pertain to my case.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth T. Bentley

134-435-209

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 3, 1956

DIRECTOR, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

134-435-✓

I thought that you might be interested in the following incident which has been called to the Bureau's attention on a very personal and confidential basis.

It is reported that on August 22, 1955, Mr. Ben Ginsburg of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights upbraided a member of the clerical staff of this committee by the name of Miss Simmons. Miss Elisabeth J. Hand interceded on behalf of Miss Simmons who apparently was a subordinate of Miss Hand. It is reported that Miss Simmons was shocked at the manner in which Mr. Ginsburg spoke to her, and Miss Hand interceded and suggested to Mr. Ginsburg that he had said enough. At this point, Mr. Ginsburg rushed at Miss Hand. It is reported that his arms were raised and Miss Hand was terrified at the expression on his face and in a hysterical manner asked Ginsburg if he were going to hit her. At this point, Mr. Lon Hocker, the Counsel for the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, apparently attracted by the commotion, left the office of Mr. Marshall MacDuffie, a former Counsel, and entered the room where the fracas was taking place and is reported to have observed Ginsburg shouting at Miss Hand, forcing her back in between two desks. It is further stated that Ginsburg took the position that either Miss Hand had to be fired or he would leave the committee. Accordingly on the evening of August 22, 1955, Miss Hand was informed by Marshall MacDuffie that he was discharging her from her position on the committee at the direction of Mr. Lon Hocker.

It is reported that Miss Hand is very much disturbed over the manner in which she was discharged from the committee and has attempted to work out some kind of arrangement whereby she could return to the committee and then terminate her services without having a notation of being discharged on her record. Apparently the staff has been unwilling to do this, and there is some indication that Miss Hand might seek redress from other members of the Senate. It certainly seems rather shocking that this committee will tolerate such high-handed actions and, at the same time, be sitting in judgment on the Federal Employees' Security Program.

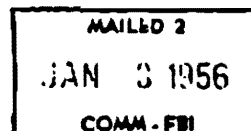
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In connection with the work of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, we have been further informed Mr. Langdon West,

cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

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**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Administrative Assistant to Senator Hennings, is still trying to find some way whereby the committee could subject Elizabeth Bentley to investigation. You will recall that William Henry Taylor and his Counsel have been seeking an investigation of Miss Bentley for an extended period of time. Mr. Ginsburg is reported to have been actively engaged in investigating Miss Bentley. In the past Ginsburg, according to reports, has been in frequent contact with the Fund for the Republic staff in New York.

cc: Mr. William P. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: Dec. 30, 1955

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Belmont  
Nichols  
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Holloman  
Gandy

Irving Ferman has confidentially given me a copy of a letter addressed to Lon Hocker of the Hennings Subcommittee dated August 30, 1955, by Elisabeth J. Hand. The letter points out that she had been discharged unjustifiably by the Subcommittee; that on one occasion Ben Ginzburg rushed at her with his arms raised and a wild look on his face. She was terrified and asked Ginzburg if he was going to hit her. The letter points out to Hocker that Hocker came out of the office of Marshall MacDuffie in time to see Ginzburg still hemming her in between the two desks and shouting at her. Miss Hand then pleads for another chance, and it really is quite a letter describing a sordid situation in a committee which purports to set itself up as a monitor of the Federal Employee Security Program.

Ferman told me in confidence that he is trying to get Miss Hand to talk to some friendly newspaperman and bring this out into the open. If she won't do this, then he will try to get her to talk to Senator O'Mahoney, whom he thinks will intervene--in any event, he is trying to get this out in the open.

Ferman further told me that Langdon West, Senator Hennings' Administrative Assistant, was still trying to find out some way to investigate Elizabeth Bentley.

Ferman stated he had talked to Max Rabb in the White House about the Fund for the Republic and Rabb agrees something should be done about the Fund and Rabb is suspicious of the Paul Hoffman tie-in.

cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
 CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

DATE: 1/16/56

For the Bureau's information, on the night of January 7, 1956, Miss BENTLEY telephonically communicated with SA JULIAN A. MARTIN at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and stated she had received a call from the editor of the paper at Lafayette, Louisiana, asking her about a release by the AP in which BYRON N. SCOTT, Attorney of WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, had cast doubt on the veracity of BENTLEY's testimony concerning TAYLOR. She stated she had told the newspaper man nothing as she did not know the nature of the release.

Attached hereto is a news release which appeared in the State Times, daily newspaper, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 7, 1956, entitled "Testimony in Loyalty Case Eyed". It is a Washington, D. C., AP article.

On January 9, 1956, Miss BENTLEY read the attached article and stated that she feared it was the opening barrage of an attack on her integrity by TAYLOR and his lawyer SCOTT; that now that TAYLOR was cleared by the hearing board he would continue to attack her. She expressed the opinion there might be some connection between TAYLOR and some officials of the United States Treasury Department, which has prevented the final settlement of the Treasury's claim against her. She stated she had no additional information on TAYLOR other than that previously furnished and the above statement about the actions of the Treasury Department was conjecture on her part.

This is being furnished for information purposes.

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EX-125

# TESTIMONY= IN LOYALTY CASE EYED

## Vindication of William Taylor Ignites Contro- versy on Testimony of Brownell, Elizabeth Bentley

WASHINGTON — A loyalty board ruling vindicating William Henry Taylor has ignited a controversy over whether the finding cast doubt on testimony of Atty. Gen. Brownell and Elizabeth Bentley.

Byron N. Scott, attorney for the International Monetary Fund official, said it did. But Henry S. Waldman, chairman of the board which cleared Taylor, stated later that was not so. He said "their names never should have been linked with this case."

Taylor, 44, is assistant director of the Monetary Fund's Middle East department.

T. Paul Fairbank, secretary of the International organization's loyalty board, said yesterday that panel had considered new evidence and had found there is "no reasonable doubt" about Taylor's loyalty. This action reversed a board ruling against Taylor last June 28.

Earlier, the Canadian-born Taylor announced he had been "completely cleared." He said he was "just too happy . . . to say what it means for the future." Taylor has insisted all along that he is loyal. He has been an American citizen since 1940.

**Treasury Dept.**  
During the Truman administration Taylor served in the Treasury Department's monetary research division. His boss was Harry Dexter White, a former assistant secretary of the Treasury, whom Brownell described in 1953 as a Soviet spy. White died in 1948, a few days after denying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that he had engaged in communist activities.

During a series of congressional investigations going back seven years, Miss Bentley, who said she had been a Communist courier, testified that Taylor had belonged to a Red espionage ring within the government during World War II. Brownell brought up Taylor's name when he appeared before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee in its November 1952 investigation of White's activities. The attorney general said then that, according to information received by the FBI, a Communist spy ring was anxious to have Taylor in the Treasury Department.

Taylor has sworn he never was a Communist party member. He told the Senate Investigations subcommittee more than two years ago that he has "never knowingly been a member of an espionage ring for any power whatsoever."

Scott said the loyalty board's new findings amounted to "the strongest attack yet made on the credibility of Elizabeth Bentley." Scott said further that far as her testimony concerned Taylor, the board found "she did not tell the truth."

Scott said, too, that the panel's findings throw "strong suspicion" on Brownell's testimony before the internal security group.

However, several hours later, Waldman said in Elizabeth, N.J., the board's decision "does in no way reflect upon Atty. Gen. Brownell, J. Edgar Hoover or the FBI."

Waldman said he regretted "that an issue has been made concerning their reliability."

As for Miss Bentley, Waldman said she denied knowing or meeting Taylor. Thus, he added, the board "had no opportunity to go into the veracity of Miss Bentley and she was never an issue."

**Regrets Issue**  
Waldman said the board's first decision in the Taylor case might have been different if the board had had at that time the new evidence presented by Taylor at hearings last Oct. 19 and 20. The board reopened the Taylor case last August after Scott promised new material, the nature of which has not been made public.

The Justice Department said Brownell had no comment to make on Scott's statement. There was no immediate comment from Miss Bentley.

(Continued on Page 4-A, Col. 2)

## TESTIMONY

(Continued From Page 1)

Taylor's lawyer said the board's proceeding was based wholly on Miss Bentley's charges against his client. Scott said she declined to testify before the board but gave him a deposition that she had never known Taylor personally.

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

On 1-26-56 Washington, D. C., newspaper carried article under heading "Nation's Oldest Catholic Women's College to Close." Article stated College of Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, is to close at end of current term and among faculty who will go job hunting is Elizabeth Bentley. Your office should be alert for any information that will reflect specific date of closing of school as well as any information regarding future plans of Bentley.

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## Nation's Oldest Catholic Women's College to Close

GRAND COTEAU, La., Jan. 28 (AP) — Falling enrollment will force the College of the Sacred Heart, the Nation's oldest Catholic women's college and the first in the Deep South to end segregation to close at the end of the current term.

Among the faculty members who will be job hunting is Elizabeth Bentley, a former communist spy courier.

The college was founded in 1821, nine years after Louisiana entered the Union.

A pioneer in the education of Catholic women, it also pioneered in the field of race relations three years ago by wiping out the color line in its classrooms.

Mother Erskine, college president, said ending segregation had nothing to do with the closing.

She said enrollment has been steadily dropping from a peak of 99 students seven or eight years ago to 40 students now.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FBI, NEW ORLEANS

1/31/56

AIRTEL

Transmit the following Teletype message to:  
DIRECTOR, FBI

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

ReUrAirtel, 1/27/56.

By letter dated 1/26/56, Miss BENTLEY advised that the College of Sacred Heart was to close in May, 1956, and she has made no personal plans as yet. Bureau will be kept advised as to plans of Miss BENTLEY.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

AIRMAIL

*Brubaker*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/5/56

FROM : SAC, New Orleans

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
Confidential Source

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

On May 28, 1956 Miss BENTLEY advised that Sacred Heart College, where she is employed at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, is closing permanently as of June 6, 1956, due to low enrollment. She stated she does not know what she will do thereafter or where she will be employed. She stated she is best trained to do teaching; however, she has found it difficult to obtain a position in the educational field due to her background. She stated she was becoming very discouraged and despondent about her situation.

Miss BENTLEY stated she has made no definite plans as to her place of residence during the coming summer months; that she may remain in Grand Coteau or may move to Baton Rouge or Natchitoches, Louisiana and attend college during the summer, or she may return to her home at Madison, Connecticut. She stated she will advise as soon as she reaches a decision.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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DATE: June 18, 1956

By letter dated June 14, 1956 Miss BENTLEY advised that she was leaving Grand Coteau, Louisiana on 6/5/56 for her home in Madison, Connecticut where her address would be c/o POINT, Lovers Lane, RFD #1.

Miss BENTLEY further advised she has received a small inheritance which will be sufficient to clear up her indebtedness to the Government on the tax case pending against her.

It is suggested that New Haven be furnished with material in the future, for contact with Miss BENTLEY and her case is being considered RUC by this office.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, New Orleans  
 SUBJECT: ARMAND LABIS FELDMAN, was., et al  
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: July 20, 1956

OO: New York:

Re New York letter to Director dated 6-29-56.

For the information of the Washington Field Office, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY has the present address of c/o Poirot, Lovers Lane, FTD #1, Madison, Connecticut.

RUC.

- 2 - Bureau (61-7574) (AM) (RM)
- 2 - New York (65-235) (AM) (RM)
- 2 - Washington Field Office (65-1003) (AM) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (65-1220)
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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile 65-58402

Field Division

8/1/56 Date

Title and Character of Case:

MATHIAS GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was ITAL  
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Date Property Acquired:

11/17/45

Source From Which Property Acquired:

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

LINCOLN SAFE DEPOSIT VAULT

Reason for Retention of Property and  
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

Bureau instructions

Description of Property or Exhibit and  
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

SA T. SPENCER

18. One-hundred (100) \$20.00 bills, totaling \$2,000.00.

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cc 66-8649

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 8, 1956

FROM : Mr. Nichols

SUBJECT: GEORGE ALFRED EDDY

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## BACKGROUND:

Irving Ferman, the Washington representative of the American Civil Liberties Union, informed me that George Eddy, a former Treasury Department employee, is writing a book defending Harry Dexter White and discrediting testimony by Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers. Ferman stated that Eddy, who formerly was involved in a Treasury Department security case and was represented by Byron Scott, was having difficulty in obtaining a publisher. Ferman stated Eddy was high in his praise of the Wiley book on the Rosenberg case.

## INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles reveal that George <sup>Alfred</sup> Eddy, born 6-15-07, at East Orange, New Jersey, was the subject of loyalty investigation at the request of the Treasury Department on 12-11-53 to 3-10-54. The investigation was based on Eddy's association with Frank Coe, Lauchlin B. Currie and Harry Dexter White. The investigation substantiated this association and also revealed Eddy had exhibited a particular interest in the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers from a view of proving it to be erroneous. Eddy also offered financial assistance to Coe if he would testify fully. The results of the Bureau's investigation were disseminated to the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Justice on 3-24-54.

Eddy was suspended from the Treasury Department 9-1-54. On 11-15-54, the Treasury Department advised the Bureau that Eddy circulated a letter to approximately 300 persons answering the charges. This letter contained erroneous allegations that the FBI had conducted a search of Eddy's office in November, 1953. On 12-6-54, during Eddy's hearings and in his presence, this allegation was shown to be false and a Secret Service agent testified that the search of Eddy's office was made by that agency. During Eddy's hearing, he denied that he had furnished certain information to Special Agents of the FBI when interviewed during the Bureau's investigations of William Henry Taylor and Virginus Frank Coe. Two Washington Field Office Agents testified at these hearings to refute Eddy's denial.

cc - Mr. Nichols  
cc - Mr. Jones

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Nichols to Tolson memorandum

August 8, 1956

On 1-27-55, Bureau Agents advised Eddy and his attorney, Byron M. Scott, that the Bureau did not conduct a search of his office and inquired as to what action Eddy contemplated to retract this false allegation. Eddy and his attorney advised they would discuss the matter and would advise the Bureau what action they would take. On 2-15-55, a letter from Eddy was received indicating he still was not satisfied that his allegation was false. His letter was not acknowledged by the Bureau and no further action was taken.

The Security Hearing Board on May 31, 1955, decided the charges against Eddy were substantiated but did not constitute grounds for dismissal under Executive Order 10450. On June 14, 1955, the Treasury Department dismissed Eddy on grounds of suitability. Congressman Ralph Gwinn contacted Under Secretary of the Treasury W. Randolph Burgess on behalf of Eddy on June 21, 1955. As a result, Eddy was reinstated and allowed to resign effective June 30, 1955. On August 5, 1955, the Civil Service Commission notified the Bureau that the case on Eddy resulted in a favorable determination.

Eddy's main file reflects that he executed a personal history form for the Treasury Department which shows he was employed by the Journal of Commerce, New York, New York, in 1939, indicating he may have had some writing experience.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

*[Handwritten signature]*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: September 7, 1956

FROM : *JA* Director, FBI (66-18772)SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS  
(FULL UTILIZATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS  
AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION)

ReBulet 6-8-56.

The following changes and deletions should be made concerning individuals previously included in this program:

Requests to contact Elizabeth T. Bentley, last referred to in Bulet 11-7-55, should now be directed to New Haven.

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[REDACTED] referred to in SAC Letters 53-61 and 54-28, is now [REDACTED]. Leads to contact him should now be directed to Memphis.

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[REDACTED] last referred to in Bulet 11-7-55, should be deleted.

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[REDACTED] referred to in SAC Letter 53-61, should be deleted.

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Birmingham	Little Rock	Pittsburgh
Boston	Los Angeles	Portland
Buffalo	Louisville	Richmond
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If prepared, index cards concerning the above-mentioned individuals should be amended accordingly.

The following additional source is set forth for your information and utilization:

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SAC, New Haven (134-40)

September 21, 1956

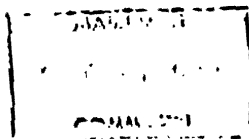
Director, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

As you are aware, the school at which Bentley was formerly employed at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, closed permanently in June, 1956. At that time, Bentley advised she had made no definite plans for the coming year. It is requested that you contact Bentley and determine where she plans to live and what she plans to do for the forthcoming school year.

NOTE: No information received from New Haven as to Bentley's plans for forthcoming year. In view of possible developments in Joseph Katz case (currently being interviewed in Israel), it is necessary Bureau know of Bentley's future plans and whereabouts. Katz, if cooperative, might be second witness in over-all Silvermaster case.

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Director, FBI (100-970362)

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On 9-24-56 Mr. T. Page Nelson, Office of International Finance, Treasury Department, made available to the WFO the document dated 3-8-45, a Photostat of which is attached. (u)

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cc - 9 - Washington Field (100-30526)  
cc - 134-433 (Bentley)  
cc - 101-3593 (Glasser)  
cc - 105-55188 (Hack)  
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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Letter to SAC, New York  
WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (135-435)

DATE: October 3, 1956

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (135-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Re: Bulet dated 9-21-56.

On 10-2-56, Miss A. J. POIROT of Lover's Lane, Madison, Conn., at whose home BENTLEY has resided in recent years, advised that on 9-11-56, BENTLEY had been offered and had accepted a position teaching French and Spanish at the Cathedral School of St. Mary's, an Episcopal school for girls, at Garden City, Long Island, New York; further that BENTLEY is now residing, as well as teaching at this school.

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REGISTERED MAIL

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- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - New York
- 1 - New Haven

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Director, FBI (66-18772)

1/15/57

SAC, NEW YORK (134-255)

**ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY  
INVESTIGATIONS (FULL UTILIZATION  
OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS AND  
SOURCES OF INFORMATION)**

Re New York letter to Bureau 10/15/56  
captioned as above.

The following change should be made concerning individuals previously included in this program.

Requests to contact ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, last referred to in Bureau letter 9/7/56, should now be directed to the New York Office. BENTLEY, who formerly resided within the territory covered by the New Haven Division, has accepted a position to teach at St. Mary's School for Girls, Garden City, Long Island, NY. Miss BENTLEY is residing at this school.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: February 26, 1957

FROM : *JMM* Director, FBI (66-18772)

SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS  
(FULL UTILIZATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS  
AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION)

ReBulet 12/12/56.

The following changes and deletions should be made concerning individuals previously included in this program:

Requests for interviews with Elizabeth Bentley, referred to in Bulet 9/7/56, and prior communications, should now be referred to the New York Office.

Whittaker Chambers, referred to in Bulet 6/8/56, and prior communications, should be deleted in view of present condition of his health.

(H)(D) [REDACTED] referred to in SAC Letter 53-61 and Bulet 5/16/55, should be deleted inasmuch as he is no longer available for interview.

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Atlanta	Kansas City	Philadelphia
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Birmingham	Little Rock	Pittsburgh
Boston	Los Angeles	Portland
Buffalo	Louisville	Richmond
Butte	Memphis	St. Louis
Charlotte	Miami	Salt Lake City
Chicago	Milwaukee	San Antonio
Cincinnati	Minneapolis	San Diego
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Letter to SAC, Albany

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and Sources of Information)  
66-18772

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[REDACTED] referred to in  
Bulets 5/16/55, and 2/9/56, should be deleted in view of recent  
indications of a possible change in her former anti-Soviet attitude,  
the fact that she is not readily available and the infrequency of  
her use.

If prepared, index cards concerning the above captioned  
individuals should be amended accordingly.

The following additional source is set forth for your  
information and use:

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# National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

MRS. FREDERIC A. GROVES, PRESIDENT GENERAL

## NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

MRS. RAY L. ERB, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1775 D STREET, N.W.

WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

May 16, 1957

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I believe the enclosed copy of a letter under date of May 8, 1957, received from one of our members will be of interest to you.

If, by chance, you would care to suggest any way in which the situation could be helped, or any action our Society take, or any advice for us to give to Mrs. Kogut, it would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary Barclay Erb*

(Mrs. Ray L. Erb)

Enc.

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MAY 17 1957

COPY LETTER

May 13th, 1957

Re: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

Dear Mrs. Erb:

My "Aunt" Ina has asked me to write you explaining a situation which I can't understand and at the same time asking your "help" as one Patriotic D.A.R. to another.

My daughters are attending the Cathedral School of St. Mary in Garden City, L.I. Bishop James P. De Wolfe resides across the street on Cathedral Avenue. This is their second year (and last - I am withdrawing them), the older girl is in 10th Grade, the younger in 8th Grade.

In January of this year when the F.B.I. Story was being reviewed a picture of Elizabeth Bentley appeared in the newspapers. She was recognized by students as one of the Faculty at the school! Immediately the Dean called a Mass Meeting - asking the students to keep it quiet - not to mention it to parents - she (Elizabeth Bentley) was rather like a heroine in having given facts to our Government etc.... My younger daughter has her for English.

Now, as the school has no active P.T.A. - and I'm not a resident of Garden City - I have been at a loss as to what action I should take. Finally, I wrote the Bishop on April 16th but to date I have received only a curt acknowledgment!

My contention is - the parents of girls who were to be in her classes should have been given a chance to vote on whether they wanted their daughters subjected to that sort of personality. Certainly she has not been an admirable person - she became a stool-pigeon to save her own neck - and I repeat - she has been a weak and twisted personality. As a teacher I am not impressed by what my daughter reflects - (she is an Honor or Honorable Mention student). But, believe me, I am truly impressed, when, at the dinner table she starts a conversation with "Did you know Miss Bentley was a mistress etc... Did you know someone said they found a man murdered in her apartment when she was a Communist..... Did you know that her Autobiography has some real 'moments' in it....."

Do you, Mrs. Erb, think that someone who inspires that sort of talk and thinking among minors, grammar school children - is the sort of person to have on a Faculty? Doesn't that contribute toward delinquency? Don't you think the Bishop owes me an explanation?

I have two boys at the "Brother" school, St. Pauls. My older one has been there five years now. However, I believe I shall withdraw them as I have lost faith in the sort of Diocese that does not handle children and their parents thoughtfully....

Anxiously I await your comments and help.

Sincerely,



May 23, 1957

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134-435-217

Mrs. Ray L. Erb  
National Society, Daughters of the  
American Revolution  
Administration Building  
1776 D Street, Northwest  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Erb:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 16, 1957,  
enclosing the communication you received from Mrs. Benjamin  
Kogut.

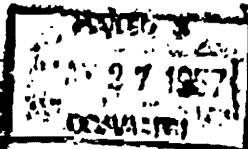
The Bureau, of course, is very well acquainted with  
Miss Elizabeth Bentley, and, in fact, I commented on Miss Bentley  
in a statement which I made before the Senate Internal Security  
Subcommittee on November 17, 1953, a copy of which is enclosed.  
I am also enclosing a reprint of an article I wrote some years ago  
which appeared in "This Week" magazine entitled "Breaking the  
Communist Spell," and it sets forth my position on former communists.

While it would be highly inappropriate for me to inject  
myself into the local situation about which Mrs. Kogut writes, I have  
always felt that an individual should be judged on the basis of his  
present status, and, certainly, those who have erred and have sought  
to make amends should be given every possible assistance in their  
rehabilitation.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bureau has enjoyed friendly relations with Mrs. Erb.  
Enclosures (2) Bufiles contain no record of Mrs. Kogut. Bufile 134-435-216  
LBN:hpf reveals that New Haven advised 10/56 Elizabeth Bentley had  
(4) accepted position at Cathedral School of St. Mary, Episcopal  
School for Girls at Garden City, Long Island, New York  
cc - Mr. Jones

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: 7/8/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (134-182)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY

On 6/28/57, SA LESTER O. GALLAHER contacted St. Mary's School, Garden City, Long Island, NY, in an effort to contact Miss BENTLEY and was advised that she was no longer with the school. Agent GALLAHER was further advised that Miss BENTLEY's mail is being forwarded to Madison, Conn., her summer residence.

On 7/1/57, Mrs. GEORGE WALDRON (conceal), elementary school teacher at St. Mary's School and personal friend of SA JOHN G. WILLIS, advised Agent WILLIS that Miss BENTLEY's contract at St. Mary's School had not been renewed. Mrs. WALDRON explained that teachers are not given written contracts but are invited to return for the following school year and either accept or decline. In Miss BENTLEY's case, no such invitation was extended.

Mrs. WALDRON advised that two weeks ago at a school dinner, the Dean of the school, Miss RUSSELL, told BENTLEY that they were not asking her to return next year, stating that the school was not entirely satisfied with BENTLEY as a teacher. Mrs. WALDRON stated that BENTLEY was not too happy about this but that there was nothing she could do.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 12, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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For record purposes, Art Kranish of International News Service advised his New York office had specifically asked him to check with the FBI to see if we could furnish to INS the unlisted telephone number of Elizabeth Bentley at Madison, Connecticut. Kranish was informed that we could not be of any help to him.

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cc - Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Belmont

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URGENT 7-26-57 6-45 PM JJM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 1 AND SACS NEW YORK 1 AND WASHINGTON FIELD  
FROM SAC, NEWARK 2 P

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. ESPIONAGE - R. H. HARTMAN, COL. AIR FORCE RESERVE, HARVEY CEDARS, NJ, ADVISED ON SEVEN TWENTYTHREE LAST THAT HE HAD LEARNED THAT ELIZABETH BENTLEY VISITED THE SILVERMASTERS OVER THE WEEKEND OF SEVEN TWENTY LAST. HARTMAN RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM MRS. MARGARET LYONS, WHO HE SAID IS VERY FRIENDLY WITH THE SILVERMASTERS. ON SEVEN TWENTYSIX LAST HARTMAN ADVISED THAT HE HAD CHECKED WITH MR. LYONS, MARGARET LYONS HUSBAND, AND ANOTHER PERSON, BARBARA WEINTRAUB. ALL BELIEVED THAT ELIZABETH BENTLEY DID VISIT THE SUBJECT OVER THE WEEKEND OF SEVEN TWENTY. HARTMAN REQUESTED LYONS AND WEINTRAUB NOT BE CONTACTED. FRANCIS MONKS, POSTMASTER, HARVEY CEDARS, NJ, WHO HAS SUPPLIED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED ON SEVEN TWENTYSIX THAT HE KNEW OF NO VISITORS AT THE HOME OF THE SUBJECT OVER THE PAST WEEKEND. HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT COL. HARTMAN IS WELL KNOWN IN HARVEY CEDARS AND IS A VERY RELIABLE PERSON. ANOTHER SOURCE OF THE NK OFFICE, ARTHUR FLEMING, WHO PATROLS THE SILVERMASTER RESIDENCE IN HIS NORMAL DUTIES AS POLICE CHIEF, STATED THAT HE DID NOT NOTICE ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AT THE SILVERMASTER HOME THE WEEKEND OF SEVEN TWENTY. HE ALSO STATED

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HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY VISITORS AT THE HOME OF SILVERMASTER.  
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DESIRABLE. NYO CONSIDER INTERVIEWING BENTLEY CONCERNING ABOVE.  
FOR INFO WFO.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC WFO 5  
FROM SAC NEW YORK 1P

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, ESP-R. RE NK TEL THIS DATE. AS BUREAU IS  
AWARE, ELIZABETH BENTLEY PRESENTLY RESIDES IN MADISON, CONN. NH HAS  
BEEN FURNISHED TEXT OF RETEL AND REQUESTED TO CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF  
CONTACTING BENTLEY. NYO TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SACS NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD  
FROM SAC NEWARK.

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. ESPIONAGE - R. REFERENCE NK TELETYPE  
7/26/57. W. HARTMAN TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED 7/27/57 THAT THE  
ELIZABETH BENTLEY REFERRED TO IN RETEL IS ACTUALLY GLADY BENTLEY,  
A NEW YORK WRITER, AND, ACCORDING TO HARTMAN, HAS NO APPARENT  
CONNECTION WITH ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany  
 FROM : Director, FBI (66-18772)

DATE: September 5, 1957

SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS  
 (Full Utilization of Confidential Informants  
 and Sources of Information)

ReBulet 6-5-57.

The following change should be made concerning an individual previously included in this program:

Requests for interview with Elizabeth T. Bentley, referred to in Bulet 2-26-57, and prior communications, should now be referred to the New haven Office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-331834)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-61577)  
SUBJECT: ALICE MARTIN, nee Alice  
Beatrice Alpert, wa., Mrs.  
James Martin;  
JAMES MARTIN, wa., Nathaniel  
Schlaiff  
ESPIONAGE - R

Enclosed for the New Haven Office is one photograph of ALICE MARTIN and one photograph of JAMES MARTIN.

ALICE MARTIN advised on 11/4 and 6/57, that during the period of the Spanish Civil War in 1936 and 1937, she worked as a messenger and secretary in a secret CP organization; that she was known at this time as ALICE ALPERT. MARTIN advised that this organization was recruiting persons to fight in Spain; that during the course of her activities her superiors were BILL LAWRENCE (tentatively identified as WILLIAM LAZAR, wa; Bufile 100-1751) and A.W. MILLS (tentatively identified as identical with SAMFSON MILGROM, wa; Bufile 100-773). MARTIN advised that during this period (1936-1937) she was periodically ordered by LAWRENCE and MILLS to deliver to and pick up from JACOB GOLOS of World Tourists, Inc., packages or items which she, MARTIN, assumed were passports. MARTIN stated that on one occasion she was also instructed to go from NYC to Washington, D.C. where she either received from an unknown individual or delivered to an unknown individual, items which she assumed were passports or money; that she

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does not recall who this individual was or whether she knew him. MARTIN further stated she assumed the items were passports or money because of her belief that this person was probably a recruit who was being sent to Spain to fight for the Loyalists. MARTIN advised that to the best of her recollection, her contact at World Tourists, Inc., was always JACOB GOLOS.

For the information of the New Haven Office, MARTIN has advised that from 1937 to 1939, she was an open member of the CP, attending meetings in Schenectady, NY, and in the Williamsburg Section of Brooklyn, NY, and her husband was a paid CP official in both of those areas. ALICE MARTIN further stated that from 1939 to 1942, she received assignments to contact members of the CP underground, primarily for the purpose of collecting dues. She stated that in 1944, she was given an assignment by BILL LAWRENCE to meet with a man for instructions. MARTIN advised that this man whom she met was JACK SOBLE and that she furnished SOBLE, at his request, with information about Jewish persons and Jewish organizations with whom she was associated in NYC. MARTIN stated that she introduced her husband JAMES to JACK SOBLE in approximately 1945; that at SOBLE's request her husband furnished SOBLE information about the American Legion and individual members of the American Legion.

MARTIN has steadfastly maintained that she was never cognizant of the fact that she was engaged in espionage, and always assumed that her activities were being conducted for the CP underground.

JACK SOBLE (Mocase subject), a self admitted Soviet espionage agent, advised during interviews in 1957, that ALICE MARTIN did furnish him with information.

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SOBLE stated that MARTIN, who was introduced to him by ESTHER HAND, (described by SOBLE as a person engaged in Soviet espionage) was cognizant of the fact that he, SOBLE, was a Soviet espionage agent, and that she, ALICE MARTIN, knew that the information she furnished would be transmitted to the Soviets.

SOBLE further advised that MARTIN had volunteered the services of herself and her husband JAMES at the time of her first meeting with SOBLE; that in subsequent meetings it was evident to SOBLE that MARTIN had previously worked for the Soviets because MARTIN furnished a written biography to SOBLE pertaining to one RICHARD LAUTERBACH (deceased) in the manner and form used by Soviet agents.

ALICE MARTIN is described as follows.

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	45
Height	5'8"
Weight	130
Hair	Black-graying
Eyes	Hazel (wears horn rimmed glasses)
Build	Slender
Speech	Voice well modulated, uses excellent English

Following is a description of JAMES MARTIN:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	158
Hair	Brown wavy, combed straight back
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Scars and Marks	3" scar on outside of left arm

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New Haven is requested to exhibit photographs of ALICE MARTIN and JAMES MARTIN to ELIZABETH BENTLEY to determine if BENTLEY is acquainted with either ALICE or JAMES MARTIN. Will attempt to determine the full extent of ALICE MARTIN's association with JACOB GOLOS and other Soviet agents known to BENTLEY. If BENTLEY is acquainted with ALICE or JAMES MARTIN, will develop complete information pertaining to ALICE or JAMES MARTIN, including all associates, activities and employments.

New Haven is requested to expedite investigation to aid the NYO, which is continuing with interviews of ALICE MARTIN.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

(100-331834)

December 26, 1957

SAC, NEW HAVEN

(65-1174)

ALICE MARTIN, nee Alice  
Beatrice Albert, wa., Mrs.  
James Martin;  
JAMES MARTIN, wa., Nathaniel  
Schlaff  
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Re NY Airtel 11/8/57 requesting WHO to exhibit  
photographs of ALICE MARTIN and JAMES MARTIN to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

On December 18, 1957, ELIZABETH BENTLEY was con-  
tacted at West Hartford, Connecticut, and advised that she had no  
knowledge of the above-mentioned persons. Miss BENTLEY noted that  
the period (1936-1937) when ALICE MARTIN was reportedly in contact  
with JACOB GOLOS did not coincide with the period of BENTLEY's  
contact with GOLOS. Miss BENTLEY also advised that she had no  
knowledge of the other contacts of the MARTINS set forth in relet.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

3/21/58

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was.; ET AL  
ESPIONAGE-R

Re New Haven airtel dated 3/4/58, in case JOSEPH SILVERMAN; SGR", requesting NYO to furnish New Haven with a copy of the statement of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY in order to assist New Haven in future interviews with BENTLEY.

Inasmuch as BENTLEY is now apparently more or less permanently domiciled in Connecticut, the NYO is enclosing herewith for the New Haven Office one copy of the signed statement of BENTLEY dated 11/30/45, concerning her espionage activities.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: 3/25/58

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
SECURITY INFORMANT

Miss BENTLEY has advised this office that during the first week in March 1958 she suffered a "blackout" and she was placed in the Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Conn., under observation for a week. She was released from the hospital about March 15th and she was authorized by the doctor to resume her former schedule, that is, employment in an office of a construction company and courses at Trinity College in Hartford, evenings and Saturday. She advised that on March 19, 1958, this schedule was too much for her and she quit her job and advised the authorities at Trinity College that she was discontinuing her studies. At this point she doesn't know what she is going to do.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she received psychiatric examination during her stay in the Hartford Hospital - and this appears to have been the reason for her hospitalization. The doctor was obtained for her by Trinity College authorities. She stated that she left Trinity College one night after class and drove around for about an hour and wound up back at the college. This is as much detail as she furnished about her "blackout".

She has indicated that the psychiatrist suggested that she should try to put her past espionage activity out of her mind, suggesting that this be in part responsible for her difficulty. She has not said that she doesn't want to be contacted, in fact she has kept in contact with this office and wants to discuss her problems with the agents.

She has been advised that for the next 30 days the Bureau will make no demands upon her time in order to give her

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an opportunity to rest and regain her health, and that meanwhile she should not hesitate to call upon this office if she has any personal matters she wants to discuss.

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In view of the above, this office will not contact Miss BENTLEY in investigative matters until May 1, 1958.



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435) ~~TOP SECRET~~

DATE: May 15, 1958

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCERe: New Haven letter to Bureau, 3/25/58. *per 20*

On May 6, 1958, Miss BENTLEY visited this office. She stated that she had now recuperated from her recent "breakdown", which she felt was caused by overwork. She appeared to be in good health and displayed a very friendly and cooperative attitude.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she has now sold her residence at Madison, Connecticut, in order to obtain funds to pay her recent hospital and medical bills. She stated she is now living at the Highland Heights Orphanage, New Haven, Connecticut, where she is receiving her room and board while assisting the Catholic nuns there in handling the orphans.

Miss BENTLEY also related that she still plans to obtain her teacher's certificate in Connecticut, and is pursuing a course in education at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, and plans to take summer courses at Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut, this summer and thus complete the requirements for the teacher's certificate.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-57905)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-14737)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (S) (b)(1)

Re New Haven airtel 5/13/58 to New Haven Office.  
ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, UAC New Haven. SAs FRANCIS W. ZANGLE and  
WALTER C. ROEPPING will report to New Haven Office 10:00 A.M.  
5/20/58 for interview.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-57305)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-14737)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (TS)

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Information furnished by the New Haven Office reflected that BENTLEY had appeared at the New Haven Office on 5/21/58, at which time she indicated that she did not want to be interviewed again by the FBI; however, she agreed to talk to the New York Agents. SAs FRANCIS W. ZANGLE and WALTER C. ROETTING of the NYO and SA S. F. DUCIBELLA of the New Haven Office attempted to interview BENTLEY on 5/28/58 at the New Haven Office but she was not cooperative. She stated that she wanted to make a new life for herself and could not do so if she continued her contact with the FBI. She pointed out that she has been interviewed on numerous occasions during the past 13 years and that she has furnished the FBI everything she knows about the captioned subjects. She also indicated that she is doubtful that she could now recognize photographs of the subjects. During the course of the interview BENTLEY did answer several questions concerning the subjects but nothing of value was obtained.

The New Haven Office will furnish the Bureau with a detailed summary of BENTLEY'S present attitude toward future interviews with the FBI.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: 5-29-58

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Re New Haven letter to the Bureau 5-15-58, advising that Miss BENTLEY had visited the NHO, discussed her health and future plans, and agreed to meet NYO agents in connection with an espionage investigation between May 27 and May 30.

On May 26, 1958, BENTLEY was contacted at the Highland Heights Orphanage at which time she agreed to meet the NY agents on May 28, 1958, and stated she preferred to see them at the New Haven Office. Miss BENTLEY displayed a friendly attitude and appeared to be in a happy frame of mind because she had just received payment from the sale of her home in Madison.

On the following day, May 27, 1958, Miss BENTLEY appeared at the New Haven Office. At the outset she stated that she did not want to see the NY agents the following day, that she had felt for some time that she must forget and make a complete break with her past life, that she wanted to build a new life as a school teacher, that interviews with agents, INS and Government committees about her past always served to keep her in a highly nervous state, that she suffered severe headaches from this delving into the past and that she had now definitely decided that she must put a complete stop to this and go on notice that she was no longer available for these inquiries.

In view of BENTLEY's recent breakdown considerable time was spent in going over with her the importance of her information in the past and the highly important reasons for her continuing to be of assistance in matters where she can help. This seemed to dissipate her earlier opposition to continued interviews.

Miss BENTLEY then agreed to come to the New Haven Office the following day for the interview with the NY agents and indicated that she would be willing to be contacted in cases which were of vital and pressing importance. She was assured that interviews with her in the future would be restricted to important cases and to matters wherein it could reasonably be expected that she would have knowledge.

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On May 28, 1958, Miss BENTLEY appeared at the New Haven Office for the interview above-mentioned. BENTLEY appeared to be in a highly nervous state and immediately stated that she was very much upset and that she had now definitely decided that she would no longer be available for interviews into her past, that she had been under great strain, that it was incumbent that she regain her mental health and build a new career as a school teacher, that she felt it essential that she make a complete break with her past, that the recurrent delving into the past and the prospect of being asked about details of the past kept her in such a highly nervous and tense, emotional state that she was unable to plan and build a new life.

BENTLEY also stated that fourteen years had passed since her espionage activities, that her memory of past activities had naturally dimmed and that she no longer was able to recall details of events or persons, that she had furnished all information to the FBI at a time that it was fresh in her mind, and that now it was only with great difficulty and strain that she could think of the past.

After it was again pointed out to her how significant her information had been, and might be, she permitted the NY agents to ask her questions about the pending matter. The Bureau is being advised of this matter by the NYO under separate cover. Her responses to questions were of a negative and non-informative nature. It also appeared that she had a negative attitude toward the inquiry.

At the conclusion of the inquiry by the NY agents, as BENTLEY was about to leave the New Haven Office she stated that this was "Goodby" and that she would be no longer available for interviews. She was asked if this meant whether she was no longer available even in the most urgent matters affecting the welfare of the country to which she replied that she would have to decide that when the occasion arose.

In view of her evident mental disturbance, and in view of the stand which she has taken, this office recommends that BENTLEY not be contacted for six months and then if circumstances require another effort be made to enlist her cooperation. In the meanwhile BENTLEY's attitude may correct itself if she is able to successfully readjust her personal life.

It is suggested that the Bureau notify the field that leads to contact BENTLEY should only be authorized and approved by the Bureau.

1 - Mr. Gregg  
1 - Mr. Aull

6/16/58

Director, FBI (134-435) - 2 2 2

**ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY**  
**CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE**

Reference is made to your memo dated May 29, 1958, concerning the captioned individual. In view of the development set forth in your memo concerning Bentley's mental attitude, the Bureau is in agreement with your recommendation that Bentley not be contacted on a regular basis for a six-month period. At the end of that time the situation with respect to Bentley should be re-evaluated by your office. During the interim, and in the event it becomes necessary to contact Bentley because of some emergency situation the Bureau should be advised, and consideration will be given to authorizing contacts of an emergency nature.

At the present time it is not deemed advisable to notify all offices that leads to contact Bentley should be approved by the Bureau. Instead of following this plan you should forward to the Bureau any leads received to interview Bentley where they will be evaluated and appropriate advice given.

1 - New York (134-182)  
1 - Washington Field

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**1 - 66-18772 (Espionage and Internal Security Investigations  
Full Utilization of Confidential Informants and  
Sources of Information)**

**NOTE:**

Bentley has been interviewed over a considerable period of time as new developments occurred in connection with cases involving individuals on whom she has previously furnished info. While visiting the NHO on 5/28/58 Bentley appeared in a highly nervous state and informed that office that she has been under a nervous strain as a result of interviews involving her past activities and that in order to attempt (NOTE CONT' PAGE 2)

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SAC, New Haven  
Re: Elizabeth Terrill Bentley  
104-435

NOTE CONT': to build a new life as a schoolteacher she felt that it was essential that she make a complete break with her past and that she would, therefore, not be available for interviews in the future. After she left the office she was asked whether her position applied to urgent matters affecting the welfare of the country and she replied that she would have to decide that when the occasion arose. New Haven has recommended that Bentley not be contacted for 6 months and that if circumstances, another effort be made to enlist her cooperation on a regular basis. It is believed that this recommendation should be approved in order to give Bentley time to regain her mental health. However, it is felt that New Haven should continue to receive any leads which the field may direct to that office to contact Bentley in order that the value of inquiries involving her can be accurately judged and to prevent the possible use of Bentley as a witness in an important matter affecting the Bureau's welfare. It is felt that this can be controlled by having New Haven advise the office submitting leads to contact Bentley that the contact will be made after the Bureau approves. This matter will be followed and re-evaluated at the end of 6 months.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: September 19, 1958

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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Special Agent Joseph Connors of the Washington Field Office, who handles liaison duties with the House Un-American Activities Committee, advised Wick this morning that Don Appel of the Committee desired the current address of above-captioned. It appears the Committee intends to put her on the payroll for performance of some work on a current project. They had employed her in 1955, Connors thought.

ACTION TAKEN:

After checking with the Domestic Intelligence Division, I had Wick tell Connors to inform Appel that Miss Bentley had asked to be let alone for approximately six months (as of approximately June 1 of this year) for the reason that she wants to start a new life as a school teacher; desires to forget the past; and was not well. This Connors did but he said Appel was not too pleased and might discuss the matter with Dick Arens with the hope that the FBI would change its mind and give the Committee Miss Bentley's address.

When our New Haven Office talked with Miss Bentley early this summer, Miss Bentley, in no uncertain terms, stated that only in a case of emergency did she desire to be contacted and we currently are respecting her wishes. Under the circumstances we are not in a position to disclose her whereabouts. She is in the New Haven territory and the House Committee could forward a letter to her last address which they have and it would in all probability be forwarded.

ACTION:

None to be taken since Dick Arens has already been informed of Miss Bentley's wishes.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: 2-2-59

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Rebulet 6-16-58, instructing that BENTLEY not be contacted over a six month period, and that thereafter the situation with respect to BENTLEY be re-evaluated by this office.

When last interviewed on May 28, 1958, BENTLEY stated positively that she had decided that she must put a complete stop to further interviews with government agencies, including the FBI, and that she wanted to go on notice that she was no longer available for these inquiries. At that time she stated that if there was any change in this decision of hers that she would advise this office. BENTLEY has not contacted this office since that time and this office has no indication of any change of attitude on her part.

When last seen, BENTLEY stated that she was planning to teach at the Sacret Heart Academy in Providence, R. I., in the Fall of 1958. It has been discreetly ascertained that she in fact has been teaching French at Mt. Saint Joseph's Academy, West Hartford, Conn., where she is currently located. BENTLEY has never notified this office of this employment.

In past contacts BENTLEY has continually pointed out that she was being questioned about persons and events having no relationship with her former operation; also that she had made a complete and all-inclusive statement to agents in New York detailing her activities and that this statement was much more reliable than her present recollection. Indiscriminate contacts at frequent intervals in matters not associated with the Gregory case have appeared to be a source of irritation to her.

Therefore, this office recommends that she not be contacted except in matters which could be associated with the Gregory case, and these only where the matter has not been covered in her statement of November, 1945. This office will keep abreast of BENTLEY's whereabouts and employment, and the Bureau will be advised of developments.

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1 - WFO (info.)

1 - New Haven

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SAC, New Haven (134-40)

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Director, FBI (134-435) - 224

**ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY**  
**CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE**

Reurlet 2/2/59 in which you advised that Elizabeth Terrill Bentley has not contacted your office since May, 1958. Your letter made certain recommendations regarding future contacts with Bentley, specifically to the effect that she not be contacted except in matters which could be associated with the Gregory case and that contacts regarding these matters were to be made only when the matter had not been covered in her statement of November, 1945.

Bureau is in agreement with your recommendation insofar as future contacts with Elizabeth Terrill Bentley are concerned. You should obtain specific Bureau authority for any interview with Bentley prior to contacting her. When leads are received in your office, you should advise the Bureau whether the lead is one that appears to have a valid basis for contacting Bentley and an appropriate recommendation should be made by you as to whether Bentley should be contacted.

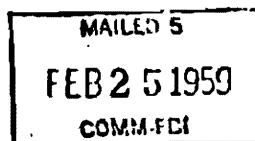
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NOTE:

Cover memo Branigan to Belmont dated 2/19/59, same subject, prepared by WAA:mlj.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 19, 1959

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Branigan  
1 - Mr. AullSUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
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You will recall that in June, 1958, the Bureau instructed New Haven to withhold contacts with Elizabeth Bentley on a regular basis for a six-month period at the end of which time the situation with respect to Bentley was to be re-evaluated by the New Haven Office. This action was taken as the result of an interview with Bentley around the end of May, 1958, at which time she appeared to be in a highly nervous state and expressed a desire to build a new life for herself with a complete break from her past activities. At that time she was asked what her position would be in respect to contacts involving urgent matters and she indicated she would have to decide that when the occasion arose. She advised New Haven that if there was any change in this decision she would contact the New Haven Office. Bentley has not contacted New Haven since May, 1958. New Haven has advised there is no indication of any change in her attitude. New Haven has discreetly ascertained that Bentley is presently employed at Mount St. Joseph Academy, West Hartford, Connecticut, and is teaching a course in French.

In the past Bentley has continually pointed out that she was being questioned about persons and events having no relationship with her former operation and that she had made a complete and all inclusive statement to agents in New York detailing her activities at a time when her recollection was more reliable than it is at present. It appears that contacts relating to matters other than the Gregory Case have been a source of irritation to her.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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1. In view of this, it is recommended that Bentley not be contacted except in matters which could be directly associated with her past activities and that these contacts be made only where the matter has not been covered in her statement of November, 1945, or where clarification is needed regarding a statement previously made by Bentley relating to her activities.

Enclosure

1 - 66-18772

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Memorandum Mr. Branigan to Mr. Belmont

2. If you approve, it is recommended that the attached letter be forwarded to the New Haven Office advising New Haven of the above-stated policy with respect to interviews with Bentley and instructing New Haven that interviews with Bentley are to be authorized by the Bureau.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

March 26, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (66-18772)

SUBJECT: **ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS**  
 (Full Utilization of Confidential Informants  
 and Sources of Information)

Re Bulet 11/25/58.

In order to streamline our procedures for the purpose of realizing maximum economy and efficiency, captioned program will henceforth be limited to inclusion of cooperative individuals having other than a local knowledge of:

1. Communist-bloc espionage activities in the United States or abroad;
2. Communist-bloc official personnel;
3. The Lenin School;
4. The Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

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2 - Atlanta	2 - Kansas City	2 - Philadelphia
2 - Baltimore	2 - Knoxville	2 - Phoenix
2 - Birmingham	2 - Little Rock	2 - Pittsburgh
2 - Boston	2 - Los Angeles	2 - Portland
2 - Buffalo	2 - Louisville	2 - Richmond
2 - Butte	2 - Memphis	2 - St. Louis
2 - Charlotte	2 - Miami	2 - Salt Lake City
2 - Chicago	2 - Milwaukee	2 - San Antonio
2 - Cincinnati	2 - Minneapolis	2 - San Diego
2 - Cleveland	2 - Mobile	2 - San Francisco
2 - Dallas	2 - Newark	2 - San Juan
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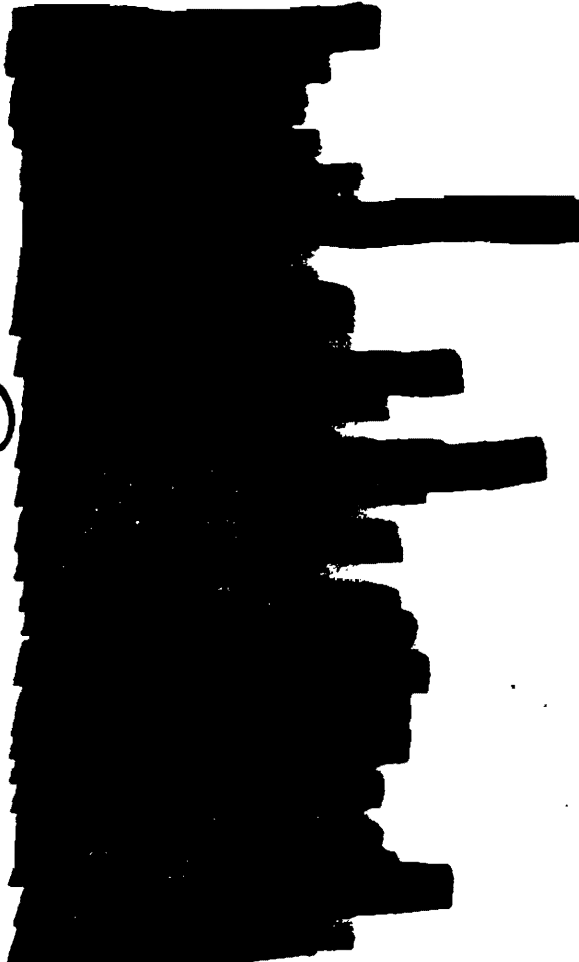
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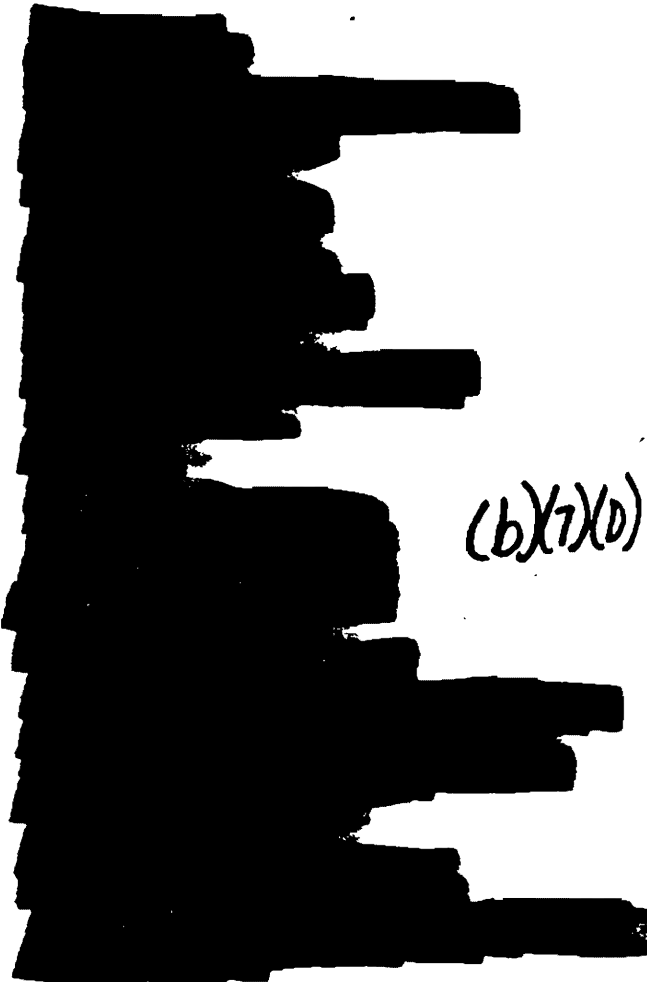
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A reanalysis of individuals currently included under this program has been made and the following listed persons not falling within the above categories should be deleted:

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The following additional changes should be made concerning individuals previously included in this program:

Letter to SAC, Albany

Re: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS  
(Full Utilization of Confidential Informants  
and Sources of Information)

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Contacts with Elizabeth T. Bentley, referred to in Bulet 9/5/57 and prior communications, should be limited to those matters directly associated with her past activities concerning which information previously provided by her is not complete and unambiguous.

(b)(7)(D) [REDACTED] referred to in Bulet 6/5/57, has moved to San Francisco, no longer occupying his former position, and should be deleted.

(b)(7)(D) [REDACTED] referred to in Bulet 8/18/55, is now deceased and should be deleted.

If prepared, index cards concerning the above-mentioned individuals should be amended accordingly.

The following additional source is set forth for your information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 13, 1959

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FROM : Director, FBI (66-18772)

SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS  
(Full Utilization of Confidential Informants  
and Sources of Information)

Re Bulet 3-26-59.

The following changes should be made concerning individuals previously included in this program:

Elizabeth T. Bentley, referred to in Bulet 3-26-59 and prior communications, has indicated her desire to discontinue further interviews with Government representatives, and should be deleted from this program.

(b)(7)(D) [redacted] referred to in Bulet 3-21-55, is the symbol formerly assigned to [redacted] Soviet defector. Inasmuch as his identity has now been disclosed publicly, information emanating from [redacted] may henceforth be credited to him by name.

If prepared, index cards concerning the above-mentioned individuals should be amended accordingly.

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
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DATE 5/14/59

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The following additional source is set forth  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: April 30, 1959

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

The Bureau's attention is called to New Haven letters to the Bureau dated 5-29-58, and 2-2-59, advising that BENTLEY had appeared at the New Haven Office and stated that she had decided to put a complete stop to further interviews with government agencies, including the FBI, because of the highly nervous and tense emotional state she was experiencing.

By letter dated 2-25-59, the Bureau instructed that future contacts with BENTLEY be limited to matters which could be associated with the Gregory case, and that Bureau authority be obtained prior to any interviews on such matters.

Recently this Office received leads to exhibit photographs to BENTLEY in two cases: "NATHAN KAPLAN, AKA, ESPIONAGE (R)", Bufile 100-305909, and "SOVROB - ESPIONAGE (R)", Bufile 105-69253.

A review of the leads in these cases reflected that they were pertinent to the period of time that BENTLEY was involved in the GREGORY case operation, and that it was possible that BENTLEY may have been in a position to have some knowledge of the subjects.

It was discreetly ascertained that BENTLEY is now teaching English and French at Mt. Saint Joseph's Academy, West Hartford, Conn., and that she was rooming in a private residence at 255 Vine Street, Hartford, Conn.

Inasmuch as no contact had been had with BENTLEY since her appearance at the New Haven Office in May, 1958, it was felt that a preliminary contact should be had with her to determine her attitude with respect to resuming substantive interviews with her.

On April 27, 1959, BENTLEY was telephonically contacted at her residence. BENTLEY at first made statements of friendly personal regard with the contacting Agent, but when the matter of arranging an appointment was raised, BENTLEY immediately became evasive and stated that she had furnished all the information she had to the FBI, and anything that she may not have she would not be able to recall because of the passage of time; further,

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1 - New York (134-182) (Info.) (RM)

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that she was too busy and had no time available to see Bureau Agents about old matters which she felt she had given the FBI when it was fresh in her mind and which she now wanted to forget.

It was pointed out to BENTLEY that the matters involved were of vital importance, that it was possible that she might be of great assistance, and that it was desired that she examine some photographs which would consume but very little of her time. BENTLEY reiterated that she was too busy, that she did not have the time for such an appointment, and that in any case she did not wish to go back into her past, that it was most important that she no longer make any attempt to review her past as she wanted to forget it and attempt to make a new life. She then stated that there was no change in the position that she had previously expressed on the occasion of her last visit to the New Haven Office. In expressing the above, Miss BENTLEY became very nervous, emotional and non-responsive. It was apparent that she is still experiencing the highly nervous and emotional state noted in May, 1958.

This is being furnished to the Bureau for its information in order that the Bureau may be aware of BENTLEY's continued non-cooperative attitude.

1 - Belmont  
1 - Cogan  
1 - Hall

SAC, New Haven (134-40)

May 18, 1959

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Director, FBI (134-435)-226

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

ReBulet 2/25/59 and urlet 4/30/59 relative to  
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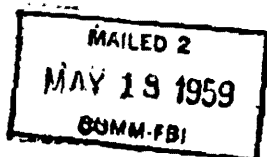
You noted that Bentley's attitude has not changed  
since the previous contact with her and that she still  
appears to be in a highly nervous and emotional state in  
connection with references to her past activities.

In view of the above, you should not contact  
Bentley for any information without prior Bureau authority.  
You should arrange, however, to keep informed of her  
current address and employment so that the Bureau will be  
in a position to know where Bentley can be reached in the  
event a situation arises which might require contacting  
her.

1 - 66-16772

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NOTE: Cover memo Branigan to Belmont, 5/14/59, WAA:reda.



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont

1 - Belmont  
1 - Branigan  
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DATE: May 14, 1959

FROM : Mr. Branigan

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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C. C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_

By memorandum dated February 19, 1959, you were advised that the Bureau had instructed New Haven to withhold contacts with Elizabeth Bentley in June, 1958, and that a re-evaluation of situation insofar as Bentley was concerned would be made. It was recommended as a result of the re-evaluation that Bentley be contacted only in matters that could be directly associated with her past activities insofar as Soviet espionage was concerned and that such contacts were to be made only after prior Bureau approval. You will recall that this situation arose as a result of Bentley's request that she not be contacted concerning her past because of the highly nervous and emotional state that she was experiencing.

On April 27, 1959, Bentley was telephonically contacted by the New Haven Office at her residence as a preliminary move to determine whether her attitude toward interviews had changed. Bentley appeared friendly but when the matter of arranging appointments with her was raised, she became evasive and stated she had furnished all information she had to the FBI and that anything that she may not have furnished would be beyond recall at this point because of the passage of time; that she was too busy and that she had no time to see agents about matters which she now wanted to forget.

New Haven pointed out to Miss Bentley that the matters involved were of vital importance; that it was possible that she might be of great assistance and that it was a matter of merely examining some photographs which would consume very little of her time. She reiterated she was too busy and that she did not wish to go back into her past; that it was most important that she no longer make any attempt to review her past as she wanted to forget it and start a new life. She stated that there had been no change in her views along this line since her past visit to the New Haven Office in May, 1958.

New Haven noted that it appeared that Bentley was nervous and emotional and that she was still experiencing the difficulties noted in May, 1958.

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1 - 66-18772

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
Re: Elizabeth Terrill Bentley  
134-435

RECOMMENDATION:

Bentley has, in the past, furnished voluminous information to the Bureau and has been fully cooperative. Since it appears that she is attempting to establish a new life for herself and, therefore, desires to forget the past, it is felt that we should go along with Bentley's wishes and refrain from contacting her unless there is a matter of great necessity involved. It is, therefore, recommended that attached letter be forwarded to the New Haven Office pointing out that Bentley should not be contacted without prior Bureau authorization and that the New Haven Office should, through available sources, keep informed of Bentley's address and employment so that she can be reached without delay on an occasion of necessity.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. M. Belmont

DATE: August 13, 1959

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Aull

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SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

DeLoach  
McGuire  
W.C. Sullivan

Miss Bentley has written a letter dated 8-10-59 to the Director stating she is "in search of a position and in the teaching profession particularly it is most important that one's bona fides be established." She inquires whether it would be possible for the Director to give her a letter "which would for once and all allay doubts in the minds of school superintendents and principals and in the minds of the general public as well" concerning her loyalty. She points out that her obtaining a position is a crucial problem for her at the present time.

Bentley, a former Soviet espionage courier involved in the Silvermaster espionage ring, has in the past furnished voluminous valuable information and has been fully cooperative. For sometime Miss Bentley has exhibited a highly nervous and emotional state and has requested she not be contacted further concerning her past. It appears she is attempting to establish a new life for herself. She has stated that it is most important to her that she no longer attempt to review her past since, to her knowledge, she has previously furnished all information of value in this regard. It is possible that her highly emotional state may be due to a stage in life through which she is passing. As a consequence, the field has been instructed that she not be contacted without Bureau authorization and that they keep informed concerning her whereabouts so she can be reached without delay in event of necessity.

## OBSERVATION:

It should be noted that it was Miss Bentley's revelations which caused investigations to be initiated of members of the Silvermaster espionage ring. Her revelations resulted in the development of an awareness on the part of the American public as to the extent of Soviet espionage operations and activities in Government circles in the U.S. It must, therefore, be recognized that information she furnished to the Bureau and testimony she has given in public and private before juries, courts and Congressional committees has constituted a valuable contribution to the security of the U.S.

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In the event of prosecution of the Silvermaster group, which appears remote at this time, she would be a key witness. 23 AUG 18 1959

Insofar as Bentley's request is concerned, the Director testified before a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary 11-17-53 as follows: "All information furnished by Miss Bentley, which

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
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was susceptible to check, has proven to be correct. She had been subjected to the most searching of cross-examinations; her testimony has been evaluated by juries and reviewed by the courts and has been found to be accurate."

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of Miss Bentley's past cooperation with the Bureau and her potential as a witness and inasmuch as the Director has testified publicly, as indicated above, concerning her, it is recommended that the attached letter be forwarded in answer to her request. This letter advises that her cooperation with the Bureau is a matter of public record, as shown by the statement made by the Director before the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, referred to above.

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255 Vine Street  
Hartford, Connecticut  
August 10, 1968

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have not had the pleasure of making your acquaintance, but I have heard a great deal about you during the days when, as a civilian, I was working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is for this reason that I am turning to you now.

Lately it has come to my attention that there are still some unenlightened people who still believe that I am not a loyal American. This is a great handicap, especially since I am at present in search of a position, and in the teaching profession particularly it is most important that one's bona fides be established. Would it therefore be possible for you to give me a letter which would for once and all allay doubts in the minds of school superintendents and principals and in the minds of the general public as well?

I do hate to bother you when I know that you are very busy, but this is a rather crucial problem for me at the present time.

Thank you for anything that you may be able to do for me.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth T. Bentley

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1 Mr. Belmont  
1 Mr. Branigan  
1 Mr. Aull

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134-435-229

August 13, 1959

Miss Elizabeth Terrill Bentley  
255 Vine Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Miss Bentley:

I have received your letter of August 10, 1959, requesting a letter from me to allay doubts as to your loyalty.

Your cooperation with this Bureau is a matter of public record. You will recall that I made the following statement November 17, 1953, before the Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary:

"All information furnished by Miss Bentley, which was susceptible to check, has proven to be correct. She had been subjected to the most searching cross-examinations; her testimony has been evaluated by juries and reviewed by the courts and has been found to be accurate."

I trust this will answer your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: SEE memo Branigan to Belmont dated 8-13-59 captioned "Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, Confidential Source."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: September 25, 1959

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
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Rebulet to New Haven dated 5-18-59.

On 9-24-59, Miss ELSIE GLEASON, Secretary to the Superintendent, Long Lane School, Middletown, Conn., advised that Miss BENTLEY is currently employed at the school as an English teacher, and resides on the grounds of the school.

The Long Lane School is a penal institution for young girls, operated by the State of Connecticut. Miss GLEASON advised that in this capacity Miss BENTLEY is an employee of the State of Connecticut.

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Elizabeth Bentley, in a letter to the Director, dated August 10, 1959, requested a letter from the Director that would allay any doubts as to her loyalty. By letter dated August 13, 1959, Miss Bentley's letter was acknowledged and the comments of the Director before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary in November 1953, were quoted. Note that Miss Bentley is now employed as an English teacher by the state of Connecticut.

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Mr. Stott	
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Long Lane School  
Middletown, Conn.  
November 11, 1959 ✓

Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover -

I should like to thank you very much for your letter of August 13, in which you allayed doubts as to my loyalty to this country. It was most kind of you to rescue me.

With your great interest in juvenile delinquency, you might be interested to know that this year I am working in that field. I am teaching English in a secondary school run by the State of Connecticut for teen-age delinquents (girls). It is, I believe, one of the few state institutions modelled some what after the pattern of Boys Town in Nebraska; we have no bars, no wardens and we attempt to rehabilitate the young through kindly and understanding discipline. I am very much interested in the experiment, because I have come to believe that the best way to defeat Communism is to build up good citizens in the coming generation. If we can salvage even a few of these outcasts from society, we have, I think, helped to contribute to a better America.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth T. Bentley

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Long Lane School

Miss Letitia Cook

November 11, 1859

Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover -  
I should like to thank you  
very much for your letter of August  
13, in which you allayed  
doubt as to my loyalty to the  
cause. It was most kind of  
you to secure me  
with your great interest in  
justice and efficiency. You might  
be interested to know that this  
year I am working in that field.  
I am teaching English in the  
Cordway School and my relation  
of Connecticut for seven years.

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is to build up good citizens  
in the coming generation. If  
we can, perhaps even a few of  
these outcasts from society, we  
have, I think, helped to con-  
tribute to a better America.

Thank you again for your  
thoughtful news.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth T. Bentley  
Elizabeth T. Bentley



Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Malone  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. W.C.S.  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Ingram  
Miss Gandy

Long Lane School  
Middletown, Connecticut  
May 31, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You have been kind enough to take an interest in what I'm doing and have asked that I keep you informed, so I am taking the liberty of writing you now.

Last fall, after obtaining my Master's degree in Education from Trinity College, Hartford, I returned to teach high school English here at Long Lane. It has been a very strenuous -- but very rewarding -- year. In addition to my quite heavy teaching schedule, I trained a practice teacher and put out the school publication, THE TOWER.

I intend to return to Long Lane School again next fall. Although at the present time things are not quite as they were previously, I still feel that we have a good group of girls who present a challenge to any good teacher.

Thank you for your interest and your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth T. Bentley*  
Elizabeth T. Bentley

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- Mr. Aull

November 19, 1959

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Miss Elizabeth Terrell Bentley  
Long Lane School  
Middletown, Connecticut

Dear Miss Bentley:

I have received your letter of  
November 11, 1959, advising me of your present  
employment.

I am glad to hear that you have been  
successful in obtaining a teaching position in  
which you have, in the past, expressed an interest,  
and I hope that you will continue to keep me advised  
of your progress.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: This letter is an acknowledgment of a letter from  
Elizabeth Bentley dated 11-11-59 in which Miss Bentley  
expressed her thanks to the Director for a previous letter  
to her dated 8-13-59. The 8-13-59 letter was prepared  
after a request of Miss Bentley to the Director for a letter  
that would allay any doubts as to her loyalty. She has  
apparently been successful in obtaining employment in a  
secondary school operated by the State of Connecticut. It is  
believed that we should express an interest in the continued  
progress of Miss Bentley inasmuch as her services may still  
be needed at some future date as a witness against members of the  
Silvermaster espionage group. We have been withholding contact  
with Elizabeth Bentley during the past year inasmuch as she  
indicated a desire to forget the past and try to establish  
herself in the teaching profession.

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Director's Sec'y

Mr. A. Rosen

February 12, 1960

C. R. Stanley

GEORGE N. PERAZICH  
Applicant  
Pan American Union  
LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS

Investigation of George N. Perazich is being initiated under Executive Order 10422 (United Nations loyalty order). Perazich was among persons named by Elizabeth Bentley as a Communist Party (CP) member and as having engaged in Soviet Espionage in 1940's when employed with Yugoslav Section, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA). In 1948-53 Perazich was employed by Yugoslav Commerical Attache, Washington, D. C., and since then has continued contacts with Yugoslav diplomatic officials. According to New York 559-8, he was CP member in Philadelphia 1936-37. Perazich has been interviewed on number of occasions and denied CP membership and Bentley's allegations. He has admitted close association with number of others named by Bentley and admitted membership in Young Communist League in late 1920's in California. He was born 4/20/05 in Yugoslavia and is a naturalized United States citizen. (65-56402; 100-356557)

Elizabeth Bentley is now a teacher at a correction school for girls, Middletown, Connecticut. For some time she has exhibited highly nervous and emotional state and has requested she not be contacted further concerning her past as she has furnished all information she can. Because of this, New Haven Office was instructed 5/18/59 not to recontact Bentley without prior Bureau authority. (134-435)

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - 100-356557
- 1 - 134-435 (Elizabeth T. Bentley)

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Memorandum to Mr. A. Rosen  
RE: GEORGE N. PERAZICH

Ordinarily, in loyalty cases, we recontact persons who have furnished derogatory information on person under investigation. It is felt, however, in view of Bentley's request and emotional condition we should not reinterview her in this case. If you agree, information which she has furnished in the past will be attributed to her in reports of this investigation and no comment will be made as to her availability for testimony before a loyalty board. If her testimony becomes necessary, a decision may be made by her at that time as to her willingness to testify.

RECOMMENDATION:

That in light of Elizabeth Bentley's request and emotional condition, we do not interview her in connection with this investigation.

SAC, New York (65-17756)

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1 -FL Jones May 12, 1960

Director, FBI (65-65643)

ROSE WINIFRED WIDENER  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter 4-27-60 which recommended that Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers be interviewed in this matter.

For the information of Baltimore and New Haven, the New York letter pointed out that appropriate material would be forwarded if the Bureau approves these interviews.

The Bufile regarding Chambers indicates that he is available for interview concerning espionage and related matters of importance and concerning which he can be reasonably expected to have pertinent knowledge. Interview of Chambers is therefore authorized and should be handled by Baltimore upon receipt of appropriate data from New York.

The Bufile pertaining to Elizabeth Terrill Bentley indicates that pursuant to New Haven letter 4-30-59 the Bureau on 5-18-59 instructed New Haven not to contact Bentley without Bureau authority because of Bentley's nervous condition and her reluctance to talk to Bureau agents. However, on 8-10-59 Bentley forwarded a letter to the Bureau indicating that she, while attempting to find employment in the teaching profession, was having some difficulty in establishing her bona fides. She asked if it would be possible for the Bureau to give her a letter which would allay doubts in the minds of school officials and the general public. In response to her letter, the Bureau advised as follows:

"I have received your letter of August 10, 1959, requesting a letter from me to allay doubts as to your loyalty.

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Letter to SAC, New York  
Re: ROSE WINIFRED WIDENER  
65-65643

"Your cooperation with this Bureau is a matter of public record. You will recall that I made the following statement November 17, 1953, before the Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary:

"All information furnished by Miss Bentley, which was susceptible to check, has proven to be correct. She had been subjected to the most searching cross-examinations; her testimony has been evaluated by juries and reviewed by the courts and has been found to be accurate."

"I trust this will answer your request."

By letter dated 11-11-59 Bentley expressed appreciation for the Bureau's letter and indicated that she was teaching English in a secondary school run by the State of Connecticut for teen-age delinquent girls. In response thereto, the Bureau directed a letter to her as follows:

"I have received your letter of November 11, 1959, advising me of your present employment.

"I am glad to hear that you have been successful in obtaining a teaching position in which you have, in the past, expressed an interest, and I hope that you will continue to keep me advised of your progress."

In view of the recent exchange of correspondence between the Bureau and Bentley, New Haven is authorized to interview her in this matter at such time as the appropriate data is received from the New York Office.

NOTE: Subject during 1930s was an associate of Joseph Echart known Soviet agent. She has denied knowledge of his espionage activities. Interviews with Bentley and Chambers are desirable because both previously furnished information regarding Echart. They may have information regarding this subject.

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To: SAC, New Haven  
2 - New York (100-112420)

From: Director, FBI (105-76231)

DAVID SAUL SALETAN  
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Re New York airtel 11-30-60.

Authority granted to contact Bentley and exhibit to her photographs of subject for possible identification as "Charlie."

1 - 134-435 (Bentley)  
1 - 65-57904 (Unsub, Charlie)

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NOTE: Subject has been under Bureau investigation based on association with Willie Hirsch recently indicted and arrested on espionage charges and because of previous CP activity. New York Office believes that subject's background and description render him possibly identical with unsub Charlie. Elizabeth Bentley previously advised that following the arrest of Gaik Ovakimian in 1941 Jacob Golos, her Soviet superior, started turning over material to a contact named "Charlie." Extensive investigation has been conducted to identify Charlie with negative results.

In May, 1959, New Haven was instructed not to contact Elizabeth Bentley without Bureau authority because of her nervous condition and reluctance to talk to Bureau agents. Subsequently, in 1959, however, there was a cordial exchange of correspondence between the Bureau and Bentley and in May, 1960, New Haven was authorized to interview her concerning a subject of a Bureau investigation. She was interviewed and was very cooperative at that time. It is believed instant contact is warranted since she is the original source of the information and may be able to furnish information of value.

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Director, FBI (65-57905)

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Bureau authority is granted for the New Haven Office to contact Elizabeth Bentley for the purpose outlined in referenced New York letter. It is noted that Elizabeth Bentley has previously requested that contacts with her be limited, inasmuch as she is attempting to establish herself in a teaching position and has expressed a desire to forget her past espionage involvement. However, since this matter is one which can be resolved only by Elizabeth Bentley, Bureau feels that this contact is justified and warranted. The New Haven Office may desire to point out this fact to Miss Bentley when she is contacted so that she clearly understands that we are not attempting to utilize her on a routine basis.

In the event the New Haven Office knows of any reason why Elizabeth Bentley should not be contacted at this time, New Haven should submit those reasons to the Bureau and the New York Office with any pertinent observations.

After the results of the contact with Elizabeth Bentley have been obtained, the observations of the New York Office should be submitted as to whether an interview with Eleanor Fowler is considered desirable.

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- 1 - Newark (65-4071)
- 2 - New Haven (65-1550) APH
- 1 - Philadelphia (65-4138)
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Letter to SAC, New York

RE: [REDACTED] (TS)  
UNKNOWN SUBJECT; aka Catherine  
65-57905

NOTE:

This investigation involves an effort to identify two unknown individuals who temporarily served as the Soviet superiors of Elizabeth Bentley after the death of Jacob Golos in November, 1943. Although Elizabeth Bentley has indicated that she did not desire to carry on regular contact with Bureau Agents due to the length of time that has transpired since her involvement with the Soviets, she has been periodically contacted and has been cooperative. We have limited our contacts with her to those instances where she was the only logical source of information. In this instance she is the only source of information and the only individual who can identify the unknown subjects in this case. It is, therefore, felt that the contact is justified. It should be noted that in June, 1961, a letter from Elizabeth Bentley was acknowledged over the Director's signature expressing an interest in her progress in obtaining a Masters Degree and in establishing herself in a teaching position.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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7/11/60

SAC, NEW HAVEN (65-1550)

[REDACTED] TS  
UNSUB; aka Catherine  
(GREGORY [REDACTED]) TS  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau letter to New York, dated 5/13/60, in which the Bureau instructed that New Haven advise of BENTLEY's reaction on the occasion of the contact with her in connection with the ROSA WIDENER case so that a determination might be made whether BENTLEY might be interviewed concerning FREDERICKA MARTIN.

The attention of the Bureau and New York Office is directed to New Haven letter to the Bureau dated 7/11/60, in the WIDENER case (65-65643), as well as in the case entitled, "ROBIN MC KOWN, aka. IS-R", (Bufile 105-65869).

For the information of the Bureau, when contacted on 7/1/60, ELIZABETH BENTLEY displayed a friendly and cooperative attitude toward the interviewing agents. BENTLEY stated that it was still her desire to forget her past life and to avoid all requests to delve into her past life and stated that she particularly desired to avoid any public appearances or occasions to give testimony publicly.

BENTLEY appeared willing to discuss the matters mentioned in the WIDENER and MC KOWN cases since they were presented to her as being of the utmost importance. BENTLEY, on this occasion, also seemed to be favorably impressed with the fact that she had received a very friendly and sympathetic letter from the Director and expressed praise for the Director.

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Upon the termination of the interviews concerning the WIDENER and MC KOWN cases, BENTLEY was advised that while the Bureau appreciated her desire to forget her past life, that there was still another matter which was of great importance and about which the Bureau desired to interview her. BENTLEY appeared to be agreeable to another interview. J

In the course of the interviews on 7/1/60, BENTLEY mentioned that she is now successfully embarked on her career as a teacher, had obtained a teacher's certificate in Conn., and in June 1960, had obtained a Master of Arts degree at Trinity College, about which she seemed to be very pleased, but that it was necessary for her to obtain summer employment. She stated that she had heard that the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp., manufacturers of atomic power submarines at Groton, Conn., was hiring people for summer employment. BENTLEY inquired whether such persons would have to be "cleared" by the FBI and she was advised that such clearance was within the province of the Naval authorities, but that it was customary for these authorities to obtain pertinent information on employees from other government agencies, including the FBI. J

The above is being noted because it appeared to the interviewing agents that this situation may have been a factor in BENTLEY's cooperative attitude toward the interviewing agents. J

While the New Haven Office recommends that BENTLEY be interviewed in instant case, it suggests that future requests to interview BENTLEY should be made on a highly selected basis and only in cases of unquestioned importance where it is clear that BENTLEY has knowledge of the subject or subject matter involved. J

In the event the Bureau authorizes this interview, the New York Office should furnish New Haven with photographs of FREDERICKA MARTIN and pertinent information concerning her background for such interview. J

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1 - Mr. Aull

SAC, New Haven (65-1550)

7-22-60

Director, FBI (65-57905)

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ESPIONAGE - R

Re New Haven letter 7-11-60 captioned as above. Reference is also made to New York letter 4-29-60 and to New Haven report 5-6-60 concerning the unknown subjects in this case. U

It is noted that on 7-1-60 when Elizabeth Bentley was interviewed by Agents of the New Haven Office, Bentley appeared to be agreeable to further interview and that the basis for her decision was apparently the fact that the matters discussed with her were matters of the utmost importance. U

In connection with the present investigation, the New Haven Office, in a report dated 5-6-60, indicated that Bentley would be interviewed concerning Fredericka Martin who is presently considered a likely suspect for unknown subject Catherine. This interview was to be conducted in the event an approach to Bentley was approved by the Bureau. U

It is recognized that Elizabeth Bentley is the only source presently available who can identify a photo of one of the unknown subjects in this investigation, namely unknown subject Catherine. In reviewing the information developed concerning Fredericka Martin the following points have been noted at the Bureau concerning Fredericka Martin which tend to eliminate her as unknown subject Catherine: No information has been U

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65-57905

developed indicating that Martin was pregnant during 1943-44. Also, certain personal characteristics, including facial features, manner of hair dress and manner of speech, are apparently lacking insofar as Martin is concerned in comparison to the known characteristics of the unknown subject in this case. U

The report of SA Frank B. Hattis dated 5-6-60 at New Haven which sets forth an interview with Dr. Lewis Fox concerning Fredericka Martin contains information to the effect that the artists sketch of unknown Catherine was displayed to Dr. Fox and that he advised that the sketch of unknown subject Catherine did not resemble Fredericka Martin. It is noted that Dr. Fox apparently knew Fredericka Martin some 20 years ago. U

In view of the above, the Bureau feels that there is insufficient basis for approaching Bentley for the sole purpose of showing a photo to Bentley of Fredericka Martin. The Bureau feels that the New York Office should furnish New Haven with photos of Fredericka Martin so that they will be available in the New Haven Office. In the event another occasion arises where a matter of utmost importance requires contacting Bentley, that occasion should be utilized to determine whether Bentley can identify a photo of Fredericka Martin or any other suspect that may be developed for unknown subject Catherine. It is recognized that the only definite manner in which Martin can be eliminated is through an interview with Bentley. However, it does not appear at this time that the characteristics of Martin are such as might make her a strong suspect for the unknown subject in this case. O

The New York Office should continue to review the present investigation for the purpose of developing other logical suspects. U

Letter to New Haven

RE:

UNSUB, aka. Catherine  
65-57905

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With respect to further contacts with Elizabeth Bentley, the New Haven Office should be guided by the policy previously set forth, namely that Bentley shall not be contacted except in matters of the utmost importance to the Bureau and that contacts with her shall be made only after Bureau authority is obtained. New Haven should continue to keep abreast of developments insofar as Bentley's progress is concerned and keep the Bureau informed of her attitude, insofar as cooperation with the Bureau is concerned. J

NOTE: Martin is subject of separate security investigation and has been considered as a possible suspect for unsubject Catherine and considerable investigation has been conducted in this case in effort identify Martin as unsub. On basis of info developed it does not appear at this time Martin likely suspect for unsub Catherine. Unsub for short period of time was one of espionage supervisors of Bentley and as it now stands, Bentley is logical source to ident good suspect in this case. We have withheld regular contact with Bentley in line with her expressed desire to forget her past and attempt to rehabilitate herself. J

She was interviewed 7-1-60 for first time in approximately one year. At that time she displayed a friendly and cooperative attitude but indicated that it was still her desire to avoid all requests to delve into her past life as much as possible and to avoid public testimony or public appearances of any kind. She did discuss two cases with interviewing Agents which cases were presented to her as being matters of utmost importance to DU. Bentley was favorably impressed by fact she had received friendly and sympathetic let from Director in regard to her efforts to establish herself as a teacher. J

Letter to New Haven ~~TOP SECRET~~

RE: [REDACTED] ~~(b)(1)~~  
UNSUB; aka. Catherine  
65-57905.

Since Bentley is still apparently willing to cooperate on matters of utmost urgency, it is not felt that we should jeopardize her attitude and possible cooperation by any approach where there is doubt in our own minds as to the identity of the unsub as the case is here. ✓

~~TOP SECRET~~

June 7, 1961

Miss Elizabeth Terrill Bentley  
Long Lane School  
Middletown, Connecticut

Dear Miss Bentley:

I have your letter of May 31, 1961, advising me of your progress in the field of education.

I am glad to hear that you have been successful in obtaining your Master's degree and I hope that you will continue to keep me advised of your progress.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: This letter is an acknowledgment of a letter from Elizabeth Bentley dated 5/31/61 in which she advised the Director that she had obtain a Master's degree in education from Trinity College of Hartford, Connecticut, and that she will return to Long Lane School, Middletown, Connecticut, next fall. We have previously acknowledged letters of this type from Miss Bentley to the Director. On 8/13/59 a letter was prepared at request of Miss Bentley which would allay any doubts as to her loyalty. As a result, she was successful in obtaining employment at Long Lane School which is a secondary school operated by the State of Connecticut. It is believed we should express an

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**Miss Elizabeth Terrill Bentley**

interest in the continued progress of Miss Bentley inasmuch as her services may still be needed at some futher date as a witness particularly involving members of the Silvermaster espionage group. We have withheld regular contact with Miss Bentley for the past year inasmuch as she indicated a desire to forget the past and try to establish herself in a teaching position.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Long Lane School  
Middletown, Conn.  
September 18, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover -

Thank you for your kind letter of  
June 7, 1961.

Since that time I have successfully completed  
three years of teaching in the public schools of  
Connecticut and have received my standard teaching  
certificate. I intend to stay on at Long Lane School  
because I believe that, especially in such troubled  
times as these, such girls need all the help they  
can get.

Thank you again for your kind interest.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Bentley

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Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mrs. Metcalf \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Long View School  
Middlebrook Conn  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25 D.C.

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# Memorandum

TO : W. A. Brantigan

DATE: 11/23/47

FROM :

W. A. Quill

SUBJECT:

Elizabeth Brantley  
Esp. - R -

E. M. Gregg  
Room 611 RB

Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any reinterviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

Bureau file:

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12-3-63

Bentley is the former Soviet courier who was our informant in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case.

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DEFERRED 12-3-63  
 TO DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK 7  
 FROM SAC NEW HAVEN 032100

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE.

REBULET TO NEW HAVEN, MAY 18, 1959.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND NEW YORK. ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
 DIED AT NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL ON THIS DATE AFTER AN OPERATION  
 PERFORMED ON PREVIOUS DAY TO REMOVE AN ABDOMINAL TUMOR.  
 THE FUNERAL IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON NEXT FROM  
 ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME IN MIDDLETOWN, CONNETTICUT.

OF INTEREST TO BUREAU, DURING LAST TWO WEEKS OF TERMINAL  
 ILLNESS, BENTLEY, WHO HAD NO CLOSE FAMILY RELATIONS, KEPT  
 NEW HAVEN OFFICE FULLY INFORMED OF HER ILLNESS AND DEMONSTRATED  
 WARM REGARD AND AFFECTION TOWARD BUREAU TO THE END.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

DATE: 12-3-63

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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The above individual is the former Soviet courier who was our informant in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case.

ASAC Schmit, New York, telephonically advised at 1 p.m., today, that he had just received a call from Nelson Frank, free-lance writer and former reporter for the New York "World Telegram". Frank advised him that he heard from the Associated Press that Elizabeth Bentley died this morning at Grace New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut. She entered the hospital 11-18-63 and underwent surgery 12-2-63.

## ACTION:

None. For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Aull

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Date: 12/6/63

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)  
AND SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Re New Haven Radiogram 12/3/63, advising that ELIZABETH BENTLEY had died in New Haven on that date.

In the above connection it is noted that the national wire services carried news of BENTLEY's death and of her background.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and San Francisco is an autostat copy of the letter received in the NHO on this date from MARILYN UNGERSMA of 187 Golden Hind Passage, Corte Madera, California, which is self-explanatory.

Indices of the NHO contain no reference to this person.

UACB, New Haven by 12/11/63 will reply to UNGERSMA's request that this office is unable to furnish any information concerning the matter about which she inquired and suggest that the writer may desire to communicate with the administrator of the estate.

Copy of this Airtel is being forwarded to the San Francisco Office for its information and in the event its files reflect any pertinent information of interest to the Bureau and New Haven, same should be forwarded.

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2 - San Francisco (encl. 1) (RM)  
1 - New Haven  
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12/11/63  
12/13/63

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Marilyn Ungersma  
187 Golden Hind Passage  
Corte Madera, California  
December 4th 1963

Offices  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New Haven, Connecticut

Sirs:

I am a writer doing research on American history during the period of the 1930's. Although much has been written on this era of our history, my prime interest is in first hand sources, personal accounts, and diaries, etc. of persons who were actively engaged in making American history. Hence, my interest is in the personal effects of Miss Elizabeth Bentley.

Upon reading her obituary in last evening's paper, I decided to contact you, inasmuch as Miss Bentley came to your offices to repent of her deeds in the name of communism and world revolution.

My question therefore, is a simple one. Did Miss Bentley leave any writings, diaries or important personal papers which might help to shed light on the violence of the '30's? If so, I would be extremely interested in seeing these papers. What I have in mind is a short biography and if she left a substantial diary I would like to help edit it so that it would be rendered fit for public consumption and greater understanding of a most complex period in American history.

If you can help me in any way, I would be most appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

*Marilyn Ungersma*  
Marilyn Ungersma

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1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Branigan  
1 - Mr. Aull

To: New Haven (134-40)

From: Director, FBI (134-435) 236

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Re: Airtel 12/6/63.

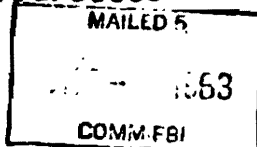
New Haven handle inquiry from Marilyn Ungersma in line with suggestion in referenced airtel. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning Marilyn Ungersma.

In addition, New Haven should arrange with administrator of Bentley estate to be advised of any items among her personal effects that may relate to her relationship with the Bureau or her previous activities and connections with Soviet intelligence. Make certain any data of this type is called to your attention prior to its release to any outside sources.

San Francisco furnish promptly identifying background on Marilyn Ungersma together with any information in San Francisco files relating to her.

2 - San Francisco

NOTE:



New Haven has received a letter from Marilyn Ungersma, Corte Madera, California, stating that she is a writer doing research on American history. She has requested access to any writings, diaries or personal papers that might shed light on the activities of Elizabeth Bentley. New Haven has proposed to advise Marilyn Ungersma, UACB by 12/11/63 that her inquiries should be directed to the administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Bentley.

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Airtel to New Haven  
RE: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
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who died during the past week.

Since Elizabeth Bentley served as a confidential informant and a confidential source of the Bureau over a long period of time, it is believed New Haven should arrange with the administrator of her estate to be advised of any data that might be of interest to the Bureau so that we will be aware not only of the existence of such material but also of the possibility that the material may be made public.

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Date: 12/11/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)  
SAC, NEW HAVEN (134-40)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-25460) - RUC

RE: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

*Bentley*  
~~DEC 12~~

Re New Haven airtel 12/6/63 and Buairtel 12/9/63.

The records of the Marin County, California, Sheriff's Office reflect that MARILYN UNGERSMA, 187 Golden Hind Passage, Corte Madera, California, on 11/16/63, was reported to the Sheriff's Office as a mental patient at the Ross General Hospital, Ross, California. On this date the Sheriff's Office was requested to help locate this individual who had wandered away from the hospital. Sheriff's Office records reflect that this individual was located and returned to the hospital.

A check of the Ross General Hospital reflects that UNGERSMA was released on 12/10/63.

Records of the Marin County Credit Bureau contain no information concerning this individual.

San Francisco indices contain no information concerning this individual.

No further action is being taken by the San Francisco Office.

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2 - New Haven (AM-RM)  
1 - San Francisco

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C. C. Wick

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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January 14, 1974

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

On December 11, 1973 you wrote to Professor James K. Lyon of our University of Florida Department of German. Your files concerning Bertolt Brecht can be obtained for \$160. Dr. Lyon will obtain letters from Brecht's heirs granting their approval.

Dr. Lyon has asked the University of Florida Libraries to furnish the funds for the purchase of the Brecht xerox. If funds are furnished, may we ask if this material can be placed in our library collection? Will the general public be allowed access to it?

Dr. Lyon and other researchers are very excited about the new sources of information which may be available. We have had requests to inquire about available FBI material on the following:

1. Elizabeth Bentley
2. Whittaker Chambers
3. Ernest Hemingway
4. John Dos Passos

Thank you for any information you can give us in this matter.

*Ray Jones*  
Ray Jones  
Social Sciences  
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January 25, 1974

Mr. Ray Jones  
Research Librarian  
Department of Reference and  
Bibliography  
The University Libraries  
The University of Florida  
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter of January 14th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry regarding Dr. James K. Lyon's request for information from our files concerning Bertolt Brecht, this Bureau has no objection to the documents we furnish Dr. Lyon becoming a part of your library's collection for the use of the general public.

A review of our indices indicates we have voluminous references on Elizabeth Bentley, Whittaker Chambers, Ernest Hemingway, and John For Passos and it will be necessary to review all of these references to assure we identify all of the information pertaining to them. Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9, we are authorized to charge a prescribed rate for furnishing copies of information and the time spent searching and screening our records. Our files concerning the four individuals you mentioned consist of approximately 102,530 pages. Based on a preliminary estimate, we anticipate the cost to process your request to be \$16,300. A 25 percent deposit of \$4,075, payable by check or money order to the Treasury of the United States, will be required to initiate processing; however, payment of the deposit should not be interpreted as a guarantee that you will be furnished all of the material you have requested.

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1 - Office of the Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure  
1 - Mr. Wannall - Enclosure  
1 - Mr. Gebhardt - Enclosure  
1 - Bufile 62-115530 (FOI replies)

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Mr. Ray Jones

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Sincerely yours,

*C. M. Kelley*

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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# MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

3300 WEST WISCONSIN AVENUE / MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53233 / 224-7217, 7885

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

January 21, 1974

Mr. James C. Farrington  
External Affairs Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Farrington:

In November, I had read a New York Times story reporting that the Attorney General had agreed to permit interested scholars to secure access to the FBI's investigative files. Being an historian specializing in post-World War II politics and internal security matters, I greeted that news with keen interest. My major research interest centers on the important internal security cases and congressional investigations of the Truman years. Noting, however, that researchers must pay for the cost of FBI personnel reviewing the files and that the cost for the Rosenbergs file was estimated as being \$5,000 and the Hiss file as being \$12,895, I thought it appropriate first to ascertain the approximate cost of files I would be interested in researching and, if possible, the foot length of these files.

The files that I would be interested in beyond the Hiss and Rosenbergs files include: the Amerasia case, Elizabeth Bentley, Louis Budenz, Whittaker Chambers, the Communist Eleven who went to trial in the Dennis case, Judith Coplon; and any files you have dealing with your correspondence, interviews, and responses to requests from the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Senator Joseph R. McCarthy.

If you could, given me a cost breakdown for each of these requests. If it is not feasible to give me an exact cost breakdown, I would appreciate a rough estimate (as, for example, the total request would run in the range of xthousand to ythousand dollars).

Thank you for your assistance, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Athan Theoharis  
Associate Professor  
American History

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February 11, 1974

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Mr. Athan Theoharis  
Associate Professor  
Department of History  
Marquette University  
1309 West Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Dear Mr. Theoharis:

Your letter of January 21st to Mr. James C. Farrington, requesting a breakdown of estimated costs for information in our files regarding various subjects, has been brought to my attention.

For your assistance, I am enclosing a copy of Attorney General Order 528-73, which sets forth instituted policies regarding the Freedom of Information Act. Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9, we are authorized to charge a prescribed rate for furnishing copies of material and for time spent searching and screening our records. Listed below is the estimated cost and deposit for reviewing our files for pertinent information which can be furnished to you concerning the following individuals or groups:

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	Cost	Deposit
Agerasia	\$ 3,400	\$ 750
Elizabeth Bentley	2,280	2,170
Louis Budenz	8,320	2,080
Whittaker Chambers	16,415	4,103
Communist Eleven	56,732	14,177
Eugene Dennis	2,050	512
Judith Coplon	12,380	595
House Committee on Un-American Activities	8,320	2,080
Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee	10,560	2,632
Joseph E. McCarthy	3,592	896

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November 9, 1955

Director, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

It is requested Bentley be interviewed regarding any contacts she may have had with Jay Lovestone. Full details of these contacts and nature of business discussed should be secured. A highly confidential source has advised that Lovestone stated the only "ex" who had always told the truth and had never been crossed up was Elizabeth Bentley. Lovestone claimed Bentley told him the story of her work with Jacob Golos and Earl Browder while in the presence of and under guard of two FBI people. Lovestone reportedly wanted to size Bentley up and determine if she was a phony. Lovestone claimed he asked Bentley questions and told the fellows with her she was telling the truth and not exaggerating. The source of this information should not be compromised during your interview of Bentley.

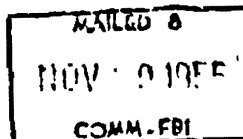
This interview should be handled promptly. You should submit an extra copy of your letter covering this interview for inclusion in the Bureau file on Lovestone (61-1292).

For your information Jay Lovestone was the head of the American Communist Party until his expulsion by Joseph Stalin in 1929. He is presently the Executive Secretary of the Free Trade Union Committee of the American Federation of Labor.

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cc - 1 - 61-1292 (Jay Lovestone)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Athan Theoharis

In order to initiate processing of any of the above subjects, a deposit is required in advance. A check or money order should be made payable to the Treasury of the United States; however, payment of deposit should not be interpreted as a guarantee that you will be furnished all of the material you requested.

If you desire any of these requests processed, please indicate in writing your willingness to pay fees as high as are anticipated and enclose a deposit as indicated in this letter. Thereafter, we shall acknowledge receipt of your deposit and begin the necessary processing, as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles reflect that one Athan Theoharis was active in lobbying efforts against the U. S. policy in Vietnam in 1965 (62-110039-23). A Loyalty of Government Employees investigation in 1954 and 1955 on Adeline Mary Theoharis, possible mother, was instigated on the basis of Mrs. Theoharis' signature having appeared on a 1940 CP nominating committee for CP candidate for Governor, State of Wisconsin. Civil Service Commission advised on 2/7/56, that a favorable determination was made in connection with investigation under Executive Order 10450. The above reply was discussed with a representative of the Intelligence Division.

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SUBJECT Bentley

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1A	2/7/61	Manila envelope containing the following	1	1		
1A1	no date	Envelope containing 2 photos of Jacob Mittel	1	1		
1A2	11/18/50	Envelope w/ 5 photos & negatives for photos	3	3		
1A3	3/5/51	Envelope w/ 2 photos of Louis Apolaky	2	2		
1A4	4/30/51	Envelope w/ 1 photo of Elias Shapiro	1	1		
1A5	3/12/53	Envelope w/ 1 photo of Nathan Gassen	2	2		
1A6	4/2/54	Envelope w/ 2 photos of Dr. Harry Cohen	1	1		
1A7	12/22/60	Envelope w/ 1 photo of Charles Lee	2	2		
1	1/23/48	WFO letter to HQ Capt. Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-1
2	no date	Photocopy of envelope & letter to Hoover	2	2		
3	2/15/49	HQ letter to SU Capt. Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-2
4	3/4/49	DN teletype to NY & SU Capt. Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-3

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5	3/11/49	SH letter to HQ capt: Unsub "Charlie"	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-4
6	3/25/49	DN report capt Unsub "Charlie"	3	0		See HQ 65-57904-5
7	5/17/49	NY letter to HQ capt: Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-6
8	5/24/49	NY report "CAPT-3rd party"	18	18		
9	10/12/49	WFO letter to HQ capt: Unsub "Charlie"	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-8
10	10/26/49	HQ letter to NY Capt Unsub "Charlie"	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-8
11	11/7/49	HQ letter to NY Capt Unsub "Charlie"	6	0		See HQ 65-57904-NR after 8
12	11/22/49	NY teletype to HQ capt: Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-9
12A	11/18/49	BA report capt Unsub "Charlie"	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-2nd NR after 12
12B	11/29/49	WFO letter to HQ capt: Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-3rd NR after 12
13	12/1/49	NY report capt Unsub "Charlie"	16	0		See HQ 65-57904-10
14	12/15/49	CG report capt Unsub "Charlie"	3	0		See HQ 65-57904-11

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15	12/27/49	CG letter to HQ capt Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-12
16	12/29/49	HQ letter to NY capt Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-11
17	3/21/50	NY teletype to HQ capt Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-13
18	3/24/50	NY report capt Unsub third party	14	0		Referred to Another Government Agency
19	4/24/50	NY report capt Unsub "Charlie"	11	0		See HQ 65-57904-14
20	4/25/50	NY letter to HQ capt Unsub third party	1	1		
21	6/9/50	NY letter to HQ capt Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-16
22	6/9/50	SF letter to HQ capt Unsub "Charlie"	3	0		See HQ 65-57904-15
23	7/3/50	NY report capt Unsub third party	5	5		
24	8/16/50	NH letter to HQ capt Unsub "Charlie"	3	0		See HQ 65-57904-17
25	8/29/50	NY letter to HQ capt Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-18
26	10/3/50	NY report capt Unsub "Charlie"	6	0		See HQ 65-57904-19

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27	10/30/50	NY letter to HQ Capt: Unsub "Bill"	1	1		
28	12/7/50	NY report capt Unsub "Charlie"	6	0		See HQ 65-57904-21
29	12/7/50	NY letter to HQ Capt: Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-21
30	11/10/50	WFO report capt Unsub "Charlie"	4	0		See HQ 65-57904-20
31	12/9/50	HQ letter to NY 4 captions of 3rd parties	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-3 <sup>rd</sup> NR after 20
32	12/12/50	NY letter to HQ 4 captions of 3rd parties	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-1 <sup>st</sup> NR after 20
33	12/15/50	HQ letter to NY Capt 3rd party	5	0		See HQ 65-57904-2 <sup>nd</sup> NR after 20
34	12/21/50	WFO letter to HQ Capt: Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-22
35	12/26/50	HQ letter to NY Capt: Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-21
36	2/24/51	NY teletype to HQ Capt: Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-23
37	3/10/51	NY report capt Unsub "Charlie"	11	0		See HQ 65-57904-24
38	3/31/51	HQ letter to NY Capt Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-24

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39	4/17/51	Ny memo to file capt: Unsub Charlie	1	1		
40	4/27/51	Ny typed teletype to HQ + WFO capt: Unsubs Bill + Catherine	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-3 <sup>10</sup> NR after 24
41	6/27/51	Ny report capt Unsub "Charlie"	9	0		See HQ 65-57904-25
42	7/5/51	SF letter to HQ capt: Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-26
43	10/4/51	Ny report capt Unsub "Charlie"	4	0		See HQ 65-57904-27
44	10/23/51	Ny letter to HQ capt Unsub "Charlie"	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-28
45	12/20/51	Ny letter to HQ capt: Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-29
46	1/5/52	Ny letter to HQ capt: Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-31
47	1/5/52	Ny report capt Unsub "Charlie"	4	0		See HQ 65-57904-30
48	1/29/52	HQ letter to Ny dual-caption	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-30
49	3/21/52	Ny report capt: Unsub "Charlie"	4	0		See HQ 65-57904-33
50	3/21/52	Ny letter to HQ Capt: Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-34

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51	4/24/52	HQ letter to HQ cont: Unsub "Charlie"	1	0		NY's copy does NOT HAVE NOTE ON See HQ 65-57904-35 p. 2
52	4/26/52	HQ letter to NY cont: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	3	0		See HQ 65-57904-34
53	5/8/52	MEMO to file cont: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	1		
54	5/20/52	NY letter to HQ cont: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	1		
55	6/5/52	HQ letter to HQ cont: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-36
56	7/22/52	NY Report to HQ cont: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	5	0		See HQ 65-57904-37
57	7/31/52	DL letter to HQ cont: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-37X
57a	9/29/52	HQ letter to NY cont: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-38
57b	10/1/52	NY letter to HQ cont: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-39
58	10/3/52	SF letter to HQ cont: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	3	0		See HQ 65-57904-40
59	10/16/52	NY Report to HQ cont: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	6	0		See HQ 65-57904-41
60	10/25/52	HQ letter to NY cont: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-41

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60a	11/24/52	HQ letter to NY cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-42
61	12/5/52	SA MEMO to SAC cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	1		
62	12/29/52	HQ letter to NY cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-43
63	1/20/53	NY Report to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	12	0		Serial 44 is in Multiple Referral PKT. #217 See HQ 65-57904-44
64	2/3/53	HQ letter to NY cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-44
65	3/3/53	NY letter to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-45
66	3/14/53	WFO Report to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	3	0		Serial 46 is in Compact Referral PKT. #18 See HQ 65-57904-46
67	4/20/53	NY letter to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-48
68	4/22/53	HQ letter to NY cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-47
69	5/8/53	SA MEMO to File	1	1		
70	5/15/53	NY teletype to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-49
71	5/27/53	NO Report to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-50

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72	6/12/53	NY Report to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	7	0		Serial 51 is in SELECTIVE SERVICE PKT #1 See HQ 65-57904-51
73	8/4/53	HQ letter to NY cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-52
74	9/17/53	NY Report to HQ CAPT - 3 <sup>rd</sup> PARTY	6	0		See HQ 65-57904-53
75	10/14/53	HQ letter to NY cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-54
76	11/17/53	NY Report to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	4	0		Serial 55 is in MULTIPLE REFERRAL PKT #130 See HQ 65-57904-55
77	12/1/53	NY letter to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-57
78	12/1/53	NO Report to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-56
79	1/28/54	NY Report to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	8	0		See HQ 65-57904-58
80	2/26/54	NK letter to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-59
81	3/4/54	NY letter to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-61
82	2/26/54	NO Report to HQ cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-60
83	3/25/54	HQ letter to NY cont - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-62

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84	3/29/54	NO Report to HQ cont - 3rd party	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-63
85	3/29/54	NO letter to NY cont - 3rd party	1	1		
86	4/13/54	NY Report to HQ cont - 3rd party	9	0		Serial 64 in SELECTIVE SERVICE PKT. #1 See HQ 65-57904-64
87	4/27/54	NK letter to HQ cont - 3rd party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-65
88	5/6/54	NO Report to HQ cont - 3rd party	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-66
89	5/17/54	WFO Report to HQ cont - 3rd party	3	0		Serial 67 in MULTIPLE Referral #120 See HQ 65-57904-67
90	5/21/54	PH letter to HQ cont - 3rd party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-68
91	6/4/54	NY letter to HQ cont 3rd party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-69
92	6/7/54	MM Report to HQ cont - 3rd party	5	0		See HQ 65-57904-70
93	7/9/54	SF letter to HQ cont 3rd party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-71
94	7/22/54	OM Report to HQ cont - 3rd party	4	0		See HQ 65-57904-72
95	7/23/54	NK letter to HQ cont - 3rd party	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-73

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96	7/23/54	PH Report to HQ cont-3 <sup>rd</sup> party	3	0		See HQ 65-57904-75
97	7/23/54	PH letter to HQ cont: 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-74
98	8/9/54	NY Report to HQ cont-3 <sup>rd</sup> party	7	0		Serial 76 is in U.S. Army Hpt # 20 See HQ 65-57904-76
99	6/9/55	NY letter to HQ, CAPT-3 <sup>rd</sup> party	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-78
100	6/10/55	NY letter to HQ cont-3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-79
101	2/19/57	SF letter to HQ cont 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	2	0		See HQ 65-57904-80
102	4/8/57	SF letter to HQ CAPT-3 <sup>rd</sup> party	3	0		See HQ 65-57904-81
103	5/8/57	NY letter to HQ cont-3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-82
104	9/23/57	NY letter to HQ cont-3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	0		See HQ 65-57904-NR after 82
105	11/30/60	NY airtel to HQ cont-3 <sup>rd</sup> party	4	4		
106	12/20/60	IMP letter to NY cont-3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	1		
107	1/17/61	NY letter to MP cont-3 <sup>rd</sup> party	1	1		

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2 small full faced photos of LOUIS SAFOLSKI.  
Passport photo of DR. ELIAS SHAPIRO.  
Photo of Dr. Nathan Gassen taken 6/28/35. See ser. 66.  
11/8/55. 2 copies of photo of Dr. Harry Cohen taken 4/2/54.  
2/3/61. 1 photo of Charles Lee aka Charles Labadoff. See ser. 106.  
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By Arthur O. Gallabier  
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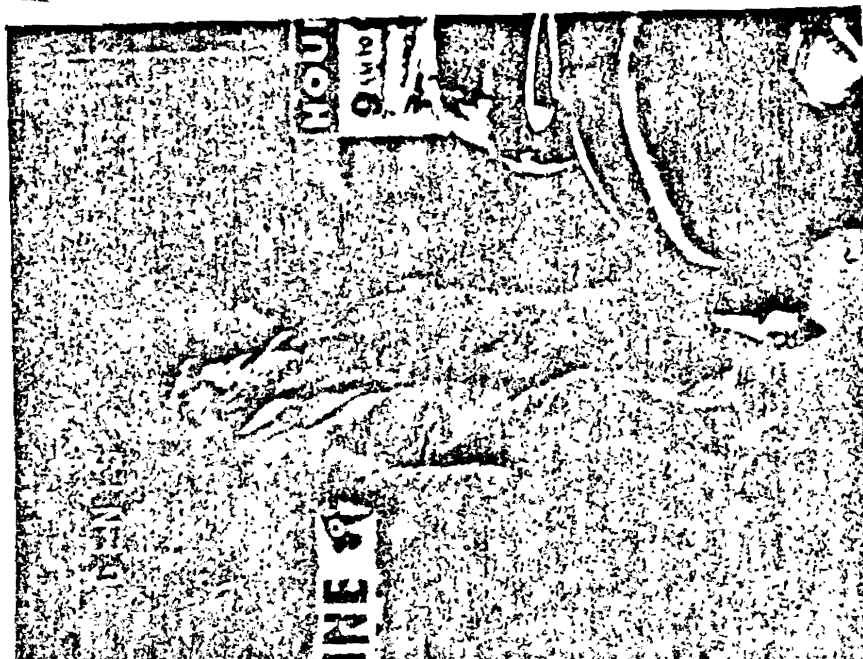
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Negatives for above photographs

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*a small photograph of Louis Sapolsky*

LOUIS SAPOLSKY

1938

Born - 7-5-1882, Vilno,  
Russia (now Poland)

Height - 5' 7"

Hair - Brown

Eyes - Brown

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LOUIS SAPOLSKY

1938

Born - 7-5-1882, Vilno,  
Russia (now Poland)

Height - 5' 7"

Hair - Brown

Eyes - Brown

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NATHAN GASSEN  
Born 12-21-1880,  
Charkoff, Russia  
5' 5"  
Brown hair-graying  
Brown eyes  
Dentist

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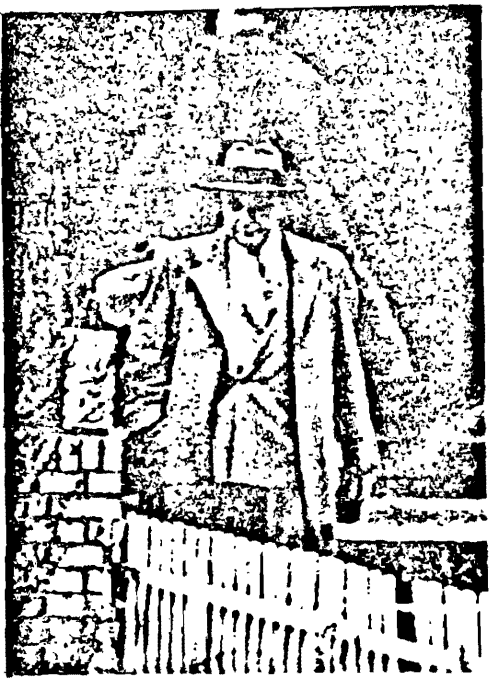
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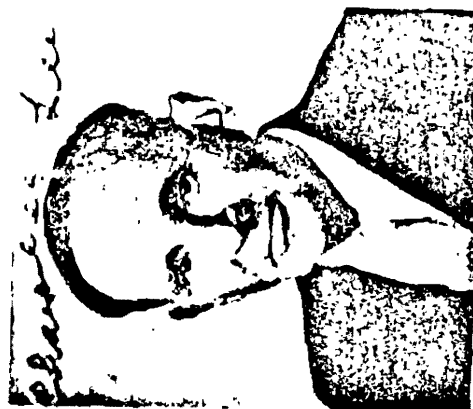


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CHARLES LEE, aka  
Charles Lebedeff

Race - White

Sex - Male

Born - 11/1185, Gomel,  
Russ.

Ht. - 5'6"

Wt. - 150 lbs.

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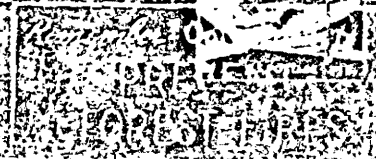
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

NY indices reflect no additional information pertaining to BILL, CATHERINE or LUCY. Background information regarding MARTIN and KATHRYN POPPER, JANE WHITE, MARTHA STEIN, MARK and WANDA MARVIN set forth. Photos of POPPERS, SARA and VERNON CLARK, MARTHA STEIN, WANDA and MARK MARVIN, ~~and~~ SCHMEELER exhibited to GREGORY for possible identification with BILL and CATHERINE, with negative results. Photos of WANDA and MARK MARVIN also displayed to LOUIS BLOCH who failed to identify them.

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**REFERENCE:**

Washington Field letter to Bureau 8/5/48  
San Francisco letter to Bureau 1/26/49  
Report of MAURICE A. TAYLOR at Washington, 3/7/49  
Baltimore letter to Bureau 4/5/49

**DETAILS:**

A review of the New York files in this case reflects no additional information pertaining to Unknown Subjects BILL, CATHERINE and LUCY, which is not in the possession of the Washington Field Office.

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MARTIN and KATHRYN POPPER

Washington Field letter dated August 5, 1948, set forth certain comparative information between Unknown Subjects BILL and CATHERINE and MARTIN and KATHRYN POPPER. It was requested that the New York indices be searched for all addresses listed for the POPPERS, and also that the circumstances under which KATHRYN POPPER resided at 226 W. 27th Street, and 29 W. 27th Street, New York City, be ascertained.

The following pertinent information was obtained as a result of a review of the New York indices:

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that MARTIN POPPER, in a letter to his Draft Board dated December 29, 1943, listed his address as 39 W. 67th Street, New York City. In another letter dated July 26, 1944, MARTIN POPPER stated he was married November 6, 1943, and a child was born on June 14, 1944. The records of the Sydenham Hospital, New York City, reflect that a son, JOSEPH CHARLES POPPER, was born to MARTIN and KATHRYN TROSPER on July 14, 1944. Hospital records further reflect that KATHRYN POPPER indicated she resided at 39 W. 67th Street, New York City, for a preceding three years. In this connection it is to be noted that according to Informant GREGORY, a baby girl was born to BILL and CATHERINE in July 1944 or August 1944.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that KATHRYN POPPER, in correspondence written by her on April 27, 1944, indicated she was then residing at 29 W. 27th Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that KATHRYN POPPER in October 1942 indicated she was residing at 226 W. 27th Street, New York City, at which time she was associated with the Committee for the Care of Young Children in Wartime. T-3 further advised that the petition for incorporation filed by this organization on October 23, 1942, listed KATHRYN HILL as one of its directors.

T-1 also advised that KATHRYN POPPER'S address in January 1944 was 226 W. 27th Street, New York City. A pretext telephone call to Mrs. MARY ROONEY McGANN of the Committee for the Care of Young Children in Wartime on June 26, 1944 disclosed that KATHRYN HILL was then Mrs. MARTIN POPPER and was

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residing at 39 W. 67th Street, New York City. Mrs. McGOWN further advised that KATHRYN HILL left this organization in April 1944 due to expected child-birth.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that KATHRYN POPPER, in a letter written June 5, 1944, listed her address as c/o SILVERSTEIN, Mt. Airy Road, Croton, New York.

At 226 W. 27th Street, New York City, JOHN J. NELSON, Apartment Superintendent, advised that a check of the rent receipts for 1942, 1943 and 1944 reflected no record on either KATHRYN HILL, JACK HILL, KATHRYN POPPER or MARTIN POPPER. NELSON stated that this apartment building accommodates approximately 98 tenants and he had no knowledge of any other tenants with whom KATHRYN POPPER may have resided at this address.

Mr. HERMAN BOCK, Building Lessor, 226 W. 27th Street, New York City, advised that he rented out rooms and also resided at this address in 1944 and that a check of his records reflected no mention of the name KATHRYN POPPER, MARTIN POPPER or KATHRYN or JACK HILL during the year 1944 as a tenant.

On May 16, 1949, photos of MARTIN and KATHRYN POPPER were exhibited to Informant GREGORY who failed to identify either of these individuals as being BILL or CATHERINE.

#### HERMAN ROSOFSKY

Washington Field letter dated August 5, 1948, also requested that an indices check be made of HERMAN L. ROSOFSKY or "HY" ROSOFSKY, his wife, IRENE ROSOFSKY and IRENE POPPER, and further that a description of ROSOFSKY be obtained for comparative purposes with Unknown Subject "CHARLIE".

The indices of the New York office reflect no information identifiable with the HERMAN ROSOFSKY in question and are negative with regard to IRENE ROSOFSKY and IRENE POPPER.

The following description of ROSOFSKY was obtained from Selective Service records, New York City:

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His registration card reflects HERMAN LOUIS ROSOFSKY registered from 1764 Popham Avenue, Bronx. He was born March 15, 1909 at New York City. He indicated he was self-employed as a dentist at 31 Union Square. His description was set forth as follows:

Age:	40 (1949)
Color:	White
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	145 lbs.
Eyes:	Hazel
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Light
Peculiarities:	Mole on right cheek.

On his questionnaire dated January 9, 1941, ROSOFSKY stated his Social Security Number was 117-05-3891. He indicated he attended New York University Pre-dental for two years and Columbia University Dental School for four years. He married at New York City on March 11, 1934, and has a son, PAUL, born April 24, 1937. He enlisted in the regular army and was commissioned as a First Lieutenant, entering service on December 28, 1942. He bears Army Serial Number O-50-75-44.

Credit and Criminal records reflect no information on HERMAN ROSOFSKY.

In view of the differences in ages, it does not appear that further consideration should be given to ROSOFSKY as a possibility for Unknown Subject "CHARLIE".

#### JANE WHITE

The report of SA HAROLD V. KENNEDY dated January 7, 1946, at New York in the GREGORY case reflects that investigation conducted during the latter part of 1945 indicated that JANE WHITE and MARTHA STEIN were possibilities to be considered for Unknown Subject CATHERINE and further suggested that additional investigation regarding their backgrounds be conducted. The following additional investigation was conducted on JANE WHITE:

Miss MARIE MESSINA, Renting Department, Brown, Wheelock, Harris and Stevens, 14 E. 47th Street, New York City, advised that this company

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has in its possession old leases covering the building located at 39½ Bank Street, New York City and that JANE WHITE occupied an apartment with Miss ROILAINE QUAY from September 1943 until September 30, 1945. Miss MESSINA advised that on her rental application Miss WHITE stated she had no business or occupation and listed her source of income as stocks and bonds. Attached to her application was a letter of reference dated June 29, 1943, from Mrs. R. A. FRANK of Orange, New Jersey, which stated that Miss ROILAINE QUAY is Mrs. FRANK'S sister and had lived in Italy with another sister, DONNA KATHERINE RISTOLI, 63 Via Bouxcelles, Rome, Italy, for many years. This letter further stated that Miss WHITE is a granddaughter of U. S. Senator LAWRENCE V. PHIPPS of Denver, Colorado, and was a cousin of Mrs. FREST GEST of Roslyn, Long Island, and Palm Beach, Florida.

Mr. NOELIN SPURRIER, Apartment Superintendent, 124 W. 75th Street, New York City, stated he has been the apartment superintendent at this address since May 1946. He advised that JANE WHITE and Miss ROILAINE QUAY, with whom she resided and who was approximately 60 years of age, moved to Bridgewater, Connecticut, approximately 15 months ago where he understood they were interested in redecorating a converted barn into apartments for displaced persons.

SPURRIER recalled that the couple resumed occupancy of their apartment at this address in August 1946 after they had returned from a trip to Italy. SPURRIER mentioned that he was able to recall the month in view of the fact that Miss WHITE'S father, an attorney in Philadelphia, telephoned SPURRIER several weeks before JANE'S return, advising him that JANE and Miss QUAY were expected and ordered the apartment redecorated. SPURRIER further advised that during her absence, Miss WHITE sublet to two women named HAMILTON and MULLHOLLAND, concerning whose current whereabouts he had no knowledge. He stated that neither JANE WHITE nor Miss QUAY were gainfully employed and it was his understanding that JANE'S father had considerable funds invested in stocks from which she received a sizeable income. He recalled that the couple did practically no entertaining, were deeply interested in music and attended Carnegie Hall recitals frequently together.

Concerning JANE WHITE'S marital status, SPURRIER stated that she is single, and to his knowledge has never been married. In this connection he recalled one instance when he jocularly raised the question of JANE'S



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marital status and she replied that she had never been married and never intended to marry since she was not going to support a man.

SPURRIER described JANE WHITE as follows:

Age:	Approximately 34
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	135 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown, streaked with grey
Complexion:	Rough olive skin
Appearance:	Hannish, dresses conservatively; always wears dresses rather than suits or sport clothes.

SPURRIER added that JANE WHITE by no stretch of the imagination could be considered a blond. He has never known her to do any typing or shorthand; has never known her to entertain male friends. He expressed the opinion that Miss WHITE was possibly of Italian descent. He concluded by stating that both women enjoyed a sound reputation and he has never known or heard of anything that would cause him to question their Americanism in any way.

Credit and criminal records were checked against JANE WHITE with negative results.

It is to be noted that previous investigation conducted, as reflected in the report of SA HAROLD V. KENNEDY dated January 7, 1946, at New York, disclosed that JANE WHITE had left for Europe in approximately December 1945.

The report of SA MAURICE J. TAYLOR dated June 14, 1948, at Washington, D. C. points out that Informant GREGORY on January 21, 1946, furnished information regarding a call to her office in New York City on January 17, 1946, at a time when the informant was not in her office, by an unidentified woman who asked for the informant. GREGORY stated that she later learned from her receptionist that the woman had stated that she was "Miss WHITE" and an old personal friend of the informant. According to information furnished by her receptionist, GREGORY further noted that this woman answered somewhat the description of CATHERINE.

In view of the fact that JANE WHITE was apparently out of the country at the time that this call was made, this would eliminate her as being the caller in question.

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In the light of the information set forth regarding background and activities of JANE WHITE, further consideration of her as being CATHERINE or LUCY is not deemed warranted.

MARTHA STEIN

The following additional investigation was conducted regarding this individual:

Mr. VICTOR TARA, President, Hines and Hines, Inc., 301 W. 4th Street, New York City, advised that he purchased this real estate business in January 1946 from Mrs. HINES who is currently residing in Ridgefield, Connecticut. TARA stated that Mr. and Mrs. STEIN vacated their apartment at this address in January 1948 and moved to Roslyn Heights, Long Island.

Mr. TARA advised that there were only two apartments located at 39½ Bank Street, his own office on the street floor and that of Mrs. STEIN directly above. He stated that Mrs. STEIN has always been a housewife to his knowledge. He stated that the STEINS "throw occasionally noisy parties but have never acted in any manner inimical to the best interests of this country to his knowledge.

Mrs. GRACE FIVES, Secretary, Hines and Hines, Inc., 301 W. 4th Street, New York City, substantiated the information furnished by TARA.

Miss ESTHER PARDEE, Secretary, Francis Spencer Realtors, 151 Waverly Place, New York City, advised that this office is in possession of the old lease issued to the STEINS on December 1, 1942, and that this lease reflects the previous residence of ARTHUR STEIN as being the home of his parents at 24 W. 69th Street, New York City. His place of business was listed as "News Week" magazine, New York City.

Mr. JULES DES ROSIERS, Apartment Superintendent, 24 W. 69th Street, New York City, advised that the parents of ARTHUR STEIN have resided at this address for approximately twelve years. He stated that ARTHUR STEIN'S brother, RALPH, is a cartoonist with one of the Metropolitan newspapers and was formerly associated with the Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" overseas. DES ROSIERS advised that the STEIN family has always enjoyed a sound reputation and were considered fine tenants.

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Mr. GEORGE MURPHY, Postmaster, Roslyn Heights Post Office, Roslyn Heights, New York, advised that ARTHUR and MARTHA STEIN purchased a home at 65 Circle Lane in Roslyn Heights in approximately February 1948. He stated that he only knows the STEINS casually; that they appeared to be respectable residents of the community.

Mrs. VIRGINIA MIRABITO, 46 Circle Lane, Roslyn Heights, New York, when interviewed [REDACTED], advised that she only knows Mrs. STEIN casually as a neighbor. She stated that Mrs. STEIN has a daughter "PATTY" approximately four years old and that she spends most of her time at home with her daughter. She advised that the STEINS appeared to be an average couple and possess no un-American proclivities to her knowledge. b7E

Mrs. ARLENE LEVY, housewife, 59 Circle Lane, Roslyn Heights, New York, was contacted [REDACTED] and substantiated information furnished by Mrs. MIRABITO. b7E

Confidential Informant T-5, of unknown reliability, advised that according to information furnished by ARTHUR STEIN he learned that MARTHA was born in Boston, Massachusetts, but moved to Santa Barbara, California, with her mother as a child upon the death of her father. She passed most of her life in Santa Barbara and came to New York City for the first time in 1941, after her fiancée left California to assume employment in New York City. T-5 was unable to recall the name of her fiancée other than that his first name was GEORGE. While in New York City he recalled that MARTHA stated that she resided with her aunt and uncle, whose name is unknown to T-5. T-5 continued by stating that MARTHA'S marital plans to marry GEORGE failed to materialize as she subsequently met her husband, ARTHUR STEIN at a party given by her aunt and uncle. She later returned to Santa Barbara, then came back to New York in November 1942, at which time she was married to ARTHUR STEIN. Shortly thereafter STEIN was drafted into the Army and MARTHA accepted a clerical position in the promotion or publicity field with "News Week" magazine, her husband's employer. According to T-2, this is the only employment held by MARTHA STEIN in New York City and its duration ran from approximately 1943 until shortly before her baby was born in July 1944.

T-5 has never observed MARTHA STEIN speak or act in any manner that might be considered un-American. [REDACTED] b7d

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[REDACTED] MARTHA STEIN that she has never been out of this country *b7d*  
at any time.

The following information pertaining to ARTHUR STEIN was obtained from Selective Service records, New York City:

Birth: November 13, 1912, New York City  
Residence: 41 Bank Street, New York City;  
24 W. 69th Street, New York City  
Height: 5' 11"  
Weight: 190 lbs.  
Color: White  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Black  
Complexion: Dark  
Parents: SARA and JACOB STEIN  
Employer: "News Week" Magazine, 1270 7th Avenue, New York City  
Social Security #: 056-10-2938  
Education: 2 years Columbia University  
Marital Status: Married to MARTHA C. STEIN on 11/15/42  
Army Service: Entered service 5/13/43; discharged 5/10/45  
Army Serial #: 32906518  
Civilian Occupation: Public relations man.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflect no additional information relating to the STEINS.

The records of the Manhattan Board of Elections reflect no registration for MARTHA STEIN for the years 1948, 1947, 1946, 1945.

In 1944 MARTHA STEIN, 41 Bank Street, registered with the American Labor Party. She registered similarly in 1943, at which time she indicated her last registration was in 1941 at Santa Barbara, California. She further indicated she was employed as a clerk at 152 W. 42nd Street (the address of "News Week" magazine.)

On May 16, 1949, recent photographs of MARTHA STEIN were displayed to Informant GREGORY who failed to identify STEIN as Unknown Subject CATHERINE.

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MARK and WANDA MARVIN

San Francisco letter to the Bureau dated January 26, 1949, set forth similarities in background and description between Unknown Subject CATHERINE and WANDA MARVIN. Reference letter also noted that JOSEPH KATZ, who has been identified as Unknown Subject JACK, was surveilled to the apartment of CHALLAPIN in the Fall of 1943. It was further suggested that WANDA MARVIN might be identical with the unknown woman who contacted LOUIS BLOCH in 1943 and was referred to by CHALLAPIN in conversation with BLOCH previous to her contact with BLOCH.

The New York indices reflect that Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that MARK MARVIN was formerly a director with Consumers Union, Inc., 17 Union Square, New York City, and that he resigned from this organization on February 24, 1941. b7d

During the course of an Internal Security investigation conducted by this office on IRVING LERNER in 1945, it was ascertained that LERNER was associated with MARK MARVIN in the production of documentary films and that MARVIN was a member of the League of American Writers in 1941 and editor of "New Theater" magazine in 1938.

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that MARK MARVIN, 412 W. 46th Street, New York City, enrolled in the Communist Party primaries in 1936.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflect in a report dated February 20, 1942, on MARK MARVIN and WANDA VAN BRUNT that MARK MARVIN was 35 years of age, married and living at 14 W. 52nd Street, New York City, for the past six months. Former residences were listed as 21 E. 14th Street, 50 Manhattan Avenue and 412 W. 46th Street, all New York City.

This report further reflected that MARK MARVIN was in the motion picture business and was formerly labor editor of Consumers Union of U. S., Inc., at 17 Union Square, New York City, from 1937 to 1940. His wife's employment was listed as that of a secretary with Local 802, American Federation of Labor, 1267 6th Avenue, New York City.

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The New York indices reflect no additional information pertaining to MARK MARVIN which is not in the possession of the Washington Field office.

With regard to WANDA MARVIN, it should be noted that the New York indices reflect that JOSEPH KATZ was surveilled to the apartment house of WANDA MARVIN after his meeting with CHALLAPIN. Whether or not he entered the apartment of WANDA MARVIN has not been established.

On March 18, 1943, WANDA MARVIN, in a letter to the Vandam Management Corporation, 17 E. 49th Street, New York City, advised that she had been out of the United States since November 1942, and was then at her mother's, c/o Van Brunt, 709 11th Street N., Moline, Illinois. During her absence she advised that she sublet to Mr. and Mrs. MAURICE PURGILLIN. In a subsequent communication she advised that her address outside of the United States was The Hotel Marie Cristina, Lerma #3 I, Mexico, D. F. This letter was written on stationery bearing the name of the Metro-Goldwyn Mayer Studios.

Telephone company records reflect that WANDA MARVIN had a telephone installed at 64 W. 55th Street, New York City, in May 1943, at which time she was employed with "Billboard" magazine, 1654 Broadway, New York City.

The records of the Consolidated Edison Company reflect that service was last connected to Apartment 2F at 64 W. 55th Street, New York City, on May 27, 1943, in the name of Mrs. MARK MARVIN. Services were previously listed to Mrs. MARK MARVIN at 14 Christopher Street.

Regarding MAURICE PURGILLIN, Confidential Informant T-7, of unknown reliability, in 1941 advised that MAURICE PURGILLIN of 22-54 36th Street, Astoria, Long Island, was one of several Communists active in Local 802, 1267 6th Avenue, New York City.

Miss LOIS BICK, in charge of personnel, "Billboard" Magazine, 1564 Broadway, New York City, advised that personnel records reflect that WANDA MARVIN of 64 W. 55th Street, was employed as a reporter for "Billboard" from April 12, 1943 to March 2, 1945, at which time she left due to a reduction in force. Miss BICK advised that at the time of WANDA MARVIN'S employment, employees were not required to execute an application

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or furnish any background of previous experience. However, she noted that MARVIN had indicated that she had previous experience in the motion picture, music and writing fields.

ROBERT LITTLEFORD, Publisher, "Billboard" Magazine, 1654 Broadway, New York City, advised that he recalled WANDA MARVIN as a very conscientious, though not too capable, employee. LITTLEFORD stated that prior to this employment WANDA was working as a private secretary to WILLIAM FEINBERG of Local 802, a musicians' local, and he was of the impression that she had resided with FEINBERG and his wife at the time. LITTLEFORD stated that FEINBERG died several years ago. LITTLEFORD appraised WANDA MARVIN as a frail, high strung, frustrated individual who associated very little with other employees. He knew nothing of her family background and vaguely recalled that she made one trip to Illinois allegedly to visit her mother in the latter part of 1944 or 1945. He did not know if MARVIN was ever out of this country and had no knowledge of any work she ever performed for Metro-Goldwyn Mayer.

LITTLEFORD also stated that MARVIN was an efficient typist. He stated that as far as he knew WANDA was single and resided alone at 64 W. 55th Street. He did not know if she had any knowledge of any foreign languages.

Continuing LITTLEFORD stated that WANDA MARVIN wore suits and blouses quite frequently and owned a fur coat. In this connection he recalled that she had offered to obtain fur coats for one or two other girls in the office at an appreciable discount through some connection she had in the fur industry, the nature of which he was not aware.

LITTLEFORD further recalled that he had considerable Union trouble caused by what he considered to be the Communist element in the Newspaper Guild during part of the period covered by MARVIN'S employment. However, he stated that to his knowledge MARVIN disassociated herself from this element and was one of the few employees who did not engage in picketing, nor was she ever the subject of a grievance.

LITTLEFORD described WANDA MARVIN as being in her late 20's (1945), attractive looking, blond hair with auburn tinge, frail, drawn look, approximately 5' 6", 110 lbs., greenish eyes, wore high heels changing to loafers when inside the office, spoke in cultured tones.

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LITTLEFORD also advised that one LARRY NIXON, an elderly man no longer with "Billboard", was very close to WANDA MARVIN in a paternal way and attempted to aid her in her work at "Billboard." He expressed assurance that NIXON would keep a confidence if contacted.

LARRY NIXON, Public Relations Representative, 292 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised that he first came into contact with WANDA MARVIN in approximately 1943 after JOSEPH CSIDA, then associated with "Billboard" magazine, sent her to NIXON for a possible news story. NIXON explained he was not connected with "Billboard" but engaged in free lance publicity work at the time, particularly among show people. NIXON continued by stating that he subsequently obtained a position with "Billboard" and he came to know WANDA MARVIN quite well through working in the same office and also residing in the same neighborhood.

NIXON related that according to WANDA MARVIN she was first married to MARK MARVIN and estimated the time to be around 1940. He stated that she and MARK spent some time in California and that her husband was at that time engaged in script writing and film production. He recalled that around the latter part of 1942 or early 1943 WANDA and MARK journeyed to Mexico in order to produce a movie short in which MARK MARVIN was interested. He stated that WANDA subsequently became estranged from her husband and either left him or obtained a divorce from him, possibly in Reno. She then came to New York City alone in search of employment, and became associated with WILLIAM FEINBERG of the Musicians' Local 802, working as his secretary. It was NIXON'S recollection that WANDA resided with FEINBERG and his wife for a period after first coming to New York City. NIXON did not know how she happened to contact FEINBERG.

After leaving Local 802 she obtained employment with "Billboard" magazine. Subsequent to this employment NIXON stated that to the best of his recollection WANDA was unemployed for a period of approximately a year or a year and a half. During part of this period he stated it was his impression that WANDA'S physical condition had become "run down" and she visited somewhere in the mid-west for a period of several months, subletting her apartment in the interim. NIXON stated he did not know who sublet the apartment. She subsequently returned and obtained employment with the Television Advertising, Inc., 118 E. 40th Street, New York City, and



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is currently keeping company with HARVEY HUBBELL, the alleged owner of this business.

NIXON stated that "officially WANDA resided alone", although one KEITH ALLISON was a frequent visitor and aided her financially in the upkeep of her apartment during the period that she was unemployed. He stated that WANDA subsequently married ALLISON and is currently separated from him. NIXON advised that it is his recollection that ALLISON is a former sailor who had worked for a period in some radio parts factory. He volunteered the information that ALLISON came from Ohio and impressed him as being slightly unbalanced; "an aggressive organizer who could easily have been a Communist and the type that was fighting against the world." NIXON did not know how WANDA became acquainted with ALLISON but expressed the opinion that she probably picked him up in a bar.

Regarding WANDA, NIXON further stated that despite the fact that the union with which WANDA was affiliated at "Billboard" frequently held meetings in WANDA'S apartment during her employment with "Billboard" and that the union was Communist dominated, he did not feel that WANDA herself was Communistically inclined. He added, however, that "she could have been on the outer fringes of anything because she's so practical." In this connection he also recalled that WANDA MARVIN was well acquainted with HARRY SACHER, well known Communist Party attorney, while employed with FEINBERG, and it was his recollection that SACHER had been the attorney for Local 802. He also recalled that at a party given by WANDA in her apartment several years ago she singled out one particular woman present to NIXON and remarked in passing "She's a real Red."

It was NIXON'S belief that WANDA MARVIN attended college somewhere in the mid-west, possibly Northwestern University, but he recalled that she did not graduate.

The following description of WANDA MARVIN was obtained through observation and investigation:

Age:	approximately 34 - 35
Color:	White
Height:	5' 5" - 5' 6"
Weight:	110 - 115 lbs.
Eyes:	Greenish
Complexion:	Light

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Hair: Blond auburn  
Residence: 64 W. 55th Street, New York City  
Employment: Television advertising, Inc.  
218 E. 40th Street, New York City

On May 16, 1949, recent photographs of WANDA MARVIN were displayed to Informant GREGORY who failed to identify her as CATHERINE or any other individual known to her.

It should be noted that WANDA MARVIN is the subject of a separate investigation currently being conducted by this office.

Baltimore letter to the Bureau dated April 5, 1949, set out certain similarities in description and activities between Unknown Subjects CATHERINE and "BILL" and HELEN ROSENFELD SCHIERLER and SAMUEL SCHIERLER. Accordingly photographs of SAMUEL SCHIERLER were also exhibited to Informant GREGORY with negative results.

The following confidential informants were furnished with available information and descriptions of Unknown Subjects "BILL" and CATHERINE in an effort to establish their identities, with negative results: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7d

Photographs of SUSAN ABBOTT LYND, SUSANNA HART PAXTON and HENRY GEORGE LYND have also been exhibited to Informant GREGORY who was unable to effect an identification of any of these persons.

Photographs of SARAH and VERNON CLARK were likewise displayed to Informant GREGORY in an effort to establish their identities with CATHERINE and "BILL", with negative results.

Photographs of WANDA and MARK MARVIN were also shown to LOUIS BLOCH, 2345 Broadway, New York City, on May 16, 1949, with negative results.

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LEADS

THE BALTIMORE OFFICE

At Baltimore, Maryland, will forward to New York its photographic album of Communists in the Baltimore Division for display to Informant GREGORY in an effort to identify the unknown subjects in this case.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D. C. In view of the fact that WANDA MARVIN in March 1943 indicated she spent several months in Mexico City, the Washington Field office is requested to check the records of the Passport Division, State Department, and forward photographs of WANDA MARVIN to New York if available.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City, will, upon receipt of photographs of HELEN SCHERLER, exhibit same to Informant GREGORY for possible identification or elimination of HELEN SCHERLER as Unknown Subject CATHERINE.

Will, upon receipt of photographs of WANDA MARVIN from the Washington Field Division, exhibit same to GREGORY so that she may be identified or eliminated as Unknown Subject CATHERINE.

Will, upon receipt of the Communist album from Baltimore, exhibit same to GREGORY for possible identification of the unknown subjects in this case.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Washington Field letter dated August 5, 1948, further requested that the leads set out in the report of SA GEORGE A. MASSET dated January 24, 1948, at New York in the case entitled "MARTIN POPPER" with regard to the whereabouts of JACK HILL be covered. These leads were covered in the report of SA JOHN V. GRIFFIN at New York dated November 8, 1948, on the same case and reflected that efforts to obtain divorce records of CATHERINE and JACK HILL, together with marriage records in New York of KATHRYN and MARTIN POPPER met with negative results.

Verification of MARTHA STEIN'S employment at "News Week" magazine, New York City, was not deemed advisable in view of her husband's current employment with this publication.

Copies of this report have been designated for the Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle offices in view of the fact that copies of reports of previous investigations conducted were designated to these offices for information purposes by the office of origin.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA WILLIAM V. GRICKIS, May 24, 1949, at New York are identified as follows:

- T-1 Case entitled "MARTIN POPPER, SECURITY MATTER - C", New York File 100-80486.
- T-2 Report of SA JOHN PHILLIP MANTON at San Francisco, 8/1/44, in the case entitled "LOUISE ROSENBERG BRANSTEN, was. INTERNAL SECURITY - C", New York File 100-57639.
- T-3 Report of SA HERMAN O. BLY, at New York, 3/1/43 in the case entitled "COMMITTEE FOR THE CARE OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN WARTIME, INTERNAL SECURITY - C", New York File 100-23089.
- T-4 Report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, at New York, 7/20/44, in the case entitled "JOSEPH HAROLD CROWN, wa. et al", New York File 100-13089.
- T-5 [REDACTED] who obtained photographs of MARTHA STEIN and requested [REDACTED] name be kept confidential. 672
- T-6 Photographs of names and addresses of persons who enrolled in the Communist Party 1936 primaries, as furnished by JOHN BRADY, former Administrative Assistant, WPA, New York City.
- T-7 Letter of JAMES L. DAVIS, 208 W. 151st Street, New York City, dated July 25, 1941, re Communists in Local 802.

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Director, FBI

April 25, 1950

SAC, New York

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Reference Cleveland letter to Bureau 4/12/50.

Pursuant to its request, one copy each of the following reports in the case entitled, "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa: Charlie; HUSBAND - R" (NY File 65-14773) is enclosed herewith for the information of the Cleveland Office:

Report of SA G. M. Smart, Denver, 1/25/49  
Report of SA F. G. Johnstone, Baltimore, 11/18/49  
Report of SA V. V. Orlickie, New York, 12/12/49  
Report of SA W. M. Pagan, Chicago, 12/15/49

It is noted that the Cleveland Office also requested copies of reports concerning unknown Soviet agent, wa "BILL" (known to ARABO SABATINI).

The files of the New York Office contain three espionage case files entitled, "UNKNOWN, wa: BILL" but none of these appears to be identical with the individual referred to in reference letter.

The San Francisco and Los Angeles Offices are being furnished a copy of this letter for their information.

cc - Cleveland (Enc-4) (65-2836)  
- Los Angeles  
- San Francisco (65-4143)

cc - NY 65-14778 ✓  
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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 7/3/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/13; 5/17; 6/5, 20/50.	REPORT MADE BY WALTER P. GIVIN
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ADMINISTRATIVE

Photograph of THEODORE M. ALEXANDER displayed to Confidential Informants T-1 and T-3 who did not know him. Confidential Informant T-1 advised general description of ALEXANDER fits that of Unknown Subject "CHARLIE." Confidential Informant T-3 advised photograph of ALEXANDER did not resemble Unknown Subject wa. "BILL." No additional information concerning subject of instant case received from Confidential Informant T-4.

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## DETAILS:

At New York, New York:

A photograph of THEODORE M. ALEXANDER was displayed to Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, who stated that she did not know him. Informant advised, however, that the general description of ALEXANDER fits that of Unknown Subject "CHARLIE", mentioned in referenced New York report.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that the subscriber to telephone number CI 5-4250 as of March 4, 1949 was Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

It is recalled that one ALEXANDER ALEXANDROV was former head of Tass News Agency at New York City.

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By letter dated April 12, 1950, the St. Louis Office reported that the personnel of the World War I and World War II Units, RACAG, advised that no military service record could be located for the name THEODORE MATTHEW ALEXANDROV or L. V. ALEXANDROV.

By letter dated May 19, 1950, the Washington Field Office reported that the files of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D.C., do not contain a picture of THEODORE M. ALEXANDER.

By letter dated May 22, 1950, the Los Angeles Office reported that the photograph of THEODORE M. ALEXANDER was exhibited to Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, who advised that ALEXANDER was not known to him.

Informant stated that the photograph of ALEXANDER did not resemble Unknown Subject with alias "BILL." Informant said that "BILL" was heavier and that his face was fuller and rounder.

Special Agent WILLIAM O. McCUE reported that no record of THEODORE ALEXANDER, 23-16 Broadway, Long Island City, was located at the Regional Office of the Civil Service Commission, New York City.

No additional information concerning the subject of instant case was received from Confidential Informant T-4.

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LEADS

CLEVELAND

At Akron, Ohio

Will continue to ascertain contacts and activities of THEODORE M. ALEXANDER, 896 Cole Avenue.

Will obtain current photograph of ALEXANDER.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will display photograph of THEODORE M. ALEXANDER to the following Informants for information they may know concerning ALEXANDER:

ELSA BERNAUT  
LOUIS F. BUDENZ  
LEON HELFAND  
HEDE and PAUL MASSING  
SIMON ROSENBERG  
MARJORIE TILLY SWITZ  
ROBERT GORDON SWITZ

Will report additional information concerning subject received from Confidential Informant T-4.

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LEADS CONTINUED

Will consider advisability of requesting authority from Bureau for Cleveland Office to interview THEODORE M. ALEXANDER and the Newark Office to interview ETTA REGINA ALEXANDER (nee UPDEGROVE).

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA WALTER P. GAVIN at New York, July 3, 1950 are identified as follows:

- T-1 Confidential Informant GREGORY, who was contacted May 17, 1950 by Special Agents JOHN J. DANAHY and NICHOLAS J. MASTROVICH.
- T-2 Confidential Source [REDACTED] who was contacted by SA WILLIAM O. Mc CUE. b7d
- T-3 Confidential National Defense Informant [REDACTED] who was contacted by the Los Angeles Office on May 15, 1950. b7d
- T-4 [REDACTED] (TS) b1

REFERENCE:

Report of SA H. DUDLEY PAYNE, Washington, D.C., 3/1/50.  
Report of SA WALTER P. GAVIN, New York, 3/24/50.

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Director, FBI

October 30, 1950

SAC, New York

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Wa "BILL"  
(Principal of Amadeo Sabatini)  
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DATE 2-16-79 BY 2333 GAB/SAB

Reurlet 10/27/50 (Form 0-1), requesting advice when report may be expected.

A review of the information furnished by AMADEO SABATINI concerning BILL in this case reflects there are no definite leads which can be pursued.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, upon consideration of the background and description of BILL, states that BILL would come closest to the unknown dentist CHARLIE. Accordingly, photographs of any possible suspects for CHARLIE will be forwarded to Los Angeles for exhibition to SABATINI. However, investigation of such suspects are being reported in the file, "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Wa Charlie, ESPIONAGE-R, GREGORY CASE," NY file 65-14778.

With reference to GEORGE REICHELSHEDER suggested by WFO letter 9/27/50 as possible suspect for BILL, it is to be noted that the contact of ALEXANDER KORAL with REICHELSHEDER occurred in 1945. REICHELSHEDER is KORAL'S brother-in-law, and his description varies in some aspects from that of BILL. Washington Heights is located in the upper part of Manhattan whereas Fort Jefferson, where REICHELSHEDER was reported to operate a stationery store with his wife, is 70 miles eastward on Long Island.

REICHELSHEDER is said to have been a tobacco salesman travelling through a territory on Long Island before starting his stationery store. Accordingly, it appears that it will be necessary to obtain a surveillance photograph. Efforts will be made to secure one and forward same to Los Angeles.

It is noted that SABATINI worked under BILL for about 4 months and he has stated that during his surveillance of KRIVITSKY for two or three months he reported the results to BILL about one or two times each week. It is requested that SABATINI be interviewed in detail regarding all of his contacts with BILL and all possible information he might recall concerning BILL be obtained.

In the event no further pertinent details concerning BILL are obtained from SABATINI, it is contemplated that upon securing and forwarding photograph of REICHELSHEDER, this case will be closed by the New York Office.

cc - Los Angeles (65-5057)  
- Washington Field (65-5512)  
RPM:IN  
65-15111  
cc - NY 65-14778 ✓

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

April 17, 1951

MEMORANDUM:

Re: UNSUB CHARLIE

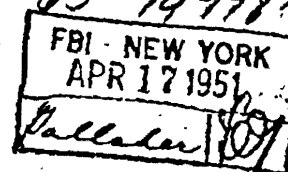
ELIZABETH BENTLEY, a self-confessed Soviet courier, was interviewed on April 13, 1951, at the New York Office.

BENTLEY advised that the photograph of ELIAS SHAPIRO did not in her estimation resemble the Unknown Subject Charlie.

T. G. SPENCER,  
SA

TGS:RAA  
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5/8/52

Memo:

Re: Unsub, wa. CHARLIE  
(Gregory Core)  
Esp. R.

  
A review was made of instant file and it is concluded b1  
Kramer is not identical with "CHARLIE" for the following  
reasons: He is of Rumanian birth, has no known grown  
children & is about 5'10" tall, (u)

William E. Hummer

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Director, FBI (100-333709)

MAY 20 1952

SAC, New York (100-67128)

RE: LOUIS SAPOLSKY, Wa.  
Lazarus Vigdor Sapolsky  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Rebulet 1/29/52.

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of  
SA CHARLES D. SHORES dated MAY 20 1952 New York and Form  
FD 122.

Enclosed report sets out results of an interview  
with the subject.

Although at the outset of this interview SAPOLSKY  
indicated a willingness to cooperate with the Agents, it was  
noted he was quite nervous and as the interview progressed it  
was apparent that he was not responding to the questions, in that  
he became more evasive in his answers. The duration of the  
interview was approximately fifteen minutes.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : SAC THORNTON M. WOOD (65-14778)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; wa: CHARLIE  
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DATE: 12/5/52

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] was interviewed 11/5/52 concerning possible knowledge of above captioned subject. The informant failed to identify anyone who answered the description and whose activities would coincide with those known for UNSUB CHARLIE. b2d

However, the informant furnished the following additional description of "SINKEVICH" [REDACTED] b2d  
[REDACTED] teacher of philosophy at the International Lenin School, Moscow, Russia in 1932. It is noted that the informant at this time, as previously, reported that "SINKEVICH" had described himself as a dentist in Baltimore, Maryland prior to his going to Russia and teaching at the International Lenin School. The informant also stated that he has not seen "SINKEVICH" since he left the Lenin School in 1934 and therefore cannot furnish any information concerning his activities from June 1941 through 1942.

## "SINKEVICH'S" description follows:

Height	Over 6 feet
Build	Very thin
Hair	Black-streaked with iron gray
Personal Appearance	Clean shaven
Characteristics	Had very sunken cheeks giving a cadaverous look, gave outward appearance of being ill, possibly with TB
Marital Status	Not known
Occupation	1932- teacher of philosophy, International Lenin School, Moscow, Russia

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Memorandum for file

May 8, 1953

Re: Unknown Subject, wa  
Charlie  
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 whose identity should be b7d  
protected, was questioned about the subject with  
negative results on 5/6/53 by SA's Walter  
C. Roetting, Jr. and Sherman E. Clark.

Walter C. Roetting, Jr.  
Special Agent

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (65-1952)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Wa., Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R)

Reference is made to the report of SA JOHN B. HONEYCUTT dated 2/26/54, at New Orleans.

This report should be shown as made at New Orleans instead of New York as indicated in referenced report.

Each office receiving copies of this letter should correct their records accordingly.

JER:js

1 cc: Los Angeles  
Newark  
San Francisco (65-3938)  
Washington Field (65-4969)

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-76231)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-112420)  
SUBJECT: DAVID SAUL SALETAN  
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DATE 2-16-79 BY 2032 GAI/JAN~~

ReNYairtel to Director dated 10/29/60, entitled  
WILLIE HIRSCH, aka; ESPIONAGE - R, Bufile 105-46401.

Enclosed for New Haven, 3 copies of photograph  
of DAVID SAUL SALETAN for identification purposes.

Re airtel set forth a summary of the information  
furnished by DAVID SAUL SALETAN to Bureau Agents on 10/28/60  
concerning his association with WILLIE HIRSCH, his association  
with individuals known to HIRSCH and his CP activity.  
SALETAN declined to furnish the names of fellow CP members  
or to state whether or not any of his associates were CP  
members. SALETAN appeared to be completely cooperative,  
however, concerning his association with HIRSCH.

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I. ELIZABETH BENTLEY has advised that following the arrest of GAIK OVAKIMIAN in 1941 JACOB GOLOS, her Soviet superior, started turning material over to a contact named "Charlie".

II. BENTLEY has advised that in her later meetings with JOSEPH KATZ she was given a description of "Charlie". On the basis of the identifying data furnished, BENTLEY recalled accidentally seeing GOLOS with an individual who answered the description given by KATZ. BENTLEY has never met "Charlie".

Age	About 55 (1942)
Height	5 feet, 5 inches
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Nationality	Russian
Religion	Jewish
Residence	Somewhere in New York City
Occupation	Dentist in New York City

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#### Peculiarities

"Charlie" was a long-time resident of the United States but spoke poor English. He gave instructions to GOLOS in Russian. "Charlie" may have had a gall bladder operation.

III. BENTLEY may be able to identify a photograph of the subject. New York is office of origin.

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NY100-112420

A review of the case entitled "UNSUB with Alias 'Charlie' (GREGORY CASE) ESPIONAGE - R" (NY file 65-14778) reveals that BENTLEY recalled that "Charlie" had had either a gall bladder operation or an appendix operation in 1942 or 1943. BENTLEY also recalled that in speaking to "JACK" (JOSEPH KATZ) about "Charlie", "JACK" told her "Charlie" was "a real old timer" from which BENTLEY inferred that "Charlie" might have been one of those individuals who fled from Russia following the abortive 1905 revolution.

It was noted that the description as set forth above is similar to a description of DAVID SAUL SALETAN as set forth in report of S [REDACTED] dated 3/16/59 at NY as follows: b7c

Name	DAVID SAUL SALETAN
Date of Birth	11/21/89
Place of Birth	Resitza, Russia
	Naturalized July, 1913
Race	White
Height	5' 7"
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Dentist

In addition to this description of SALETAN, SAs of the FBI who have observed SALETAN advised that he appears Jewish, he resides at 24 Jane Street, Greenwich Village, NYC, and has been employed as a dentist at 140 West 42nd Street, NYC, since the early 1930s.

It was further noted that SALETAN first entered the US in October, 1906 from Hamburg, Germany.

The NYO is of the opinion that "Charlie" described above, may be identical with DAVID SAUL SALETAN. In view of this, it is felt that photographs of SALETAN should be exhibited to ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 12/20/60

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-2688)

SUBJECT: CHARLES ~~LEE~~, aka  
Charles Lebedeff  
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The subject was born in November, 1885, at Gomel, Russ. He entered the United States in 1907. He speaks with a heavy accent even at the present time. He has a long history of action sympathetic with the Communist Movement. He claims that before he came to the United States, he had been a disciple of LENIN in Switzerland and studied under him.

His description is as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	November, 1885, Gomel, Russia
Citizenship	Naturalized U.S. citizen, 1913
Height	5'6"
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Gray, formerly black
Eyes	Dark Brown, deep set
Complexion	Dark Olive
Nationality	Russian Jew
Peculiarities	Heavy accent.

It is suggested that the enclosed photograph be shown to ELIZ BETH BENTLEY to determine if identical with "CHARLIE" referred to above.

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1-Minneapolis  
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SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

1/17/61

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14778)

UNSUB aka Charlie  
(GREGORY CASE)  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Minneapolis letter dated 12/20/60, captioned "CHARLES LEE aka Charles Lebedeff; SM - C", which requested the NYO to exhibit a photograph of LEE to ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY to determine whether he is identical with the subject.

The description of LEE is similar to the description of CHARLIE as furnished to BENTLEY by JOSEPH KATZ. However, there is no indication that LEE was in New York during the pertinent period and there is no indication that he is or was a dentist. In this connection, the NYO Indices were checked on LEE with negative results. The attention of the Minneapolis Office is directed to the fact that BENTLEY never met CHARLIE and she, therefore, would not be in a position to identify a photograph of him.

For your information, BENTLEY is presently residing in the territory covered by the New Haven Office. In recent years she has expressed reluctance to talk to Bureau Agents and no contact is had with her without prior authorization from the Bureau.

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DATE 7/19 BY 2222~~

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ELIZABETH BENTLEY has been interviewed on several occasions. She advised that in December or fall of 1942, one Julius, who was the leader of a Communist cell of engineers, was turned over to Jacob Golos to be developed in Soviet espionage. The cell of engineers, Bentley believed, was capable of development and Julius was to be the contact between Golos and the group. The first two meetings Golos had with Julius in the lower east side of NYC were held at dusk and were witnessed by Bentley at a distance from Golos' automobile. Bentley said she was told by Golos that Julius lived in Knickerbocker Village, NYC and she said that Julius was about 5'10" to 5'11", slim, and wore glasses. Photos of Julius Rosenberg were shown to Bentley but she was unable to identify Rosenberg positively as Julius.

Teletype to Bureau 8/11/50

RE: JULIUS ROSENBERG

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Spencer recontacted Elizabeth Bentley on 10/25/50 with reference to Julius Rosenberg's telephone conversation with her and ascertained from her that her last telephone conversation with Julius took place approximately in the fall of 1943.

NY report SA Vincent J. Cahill 12/15/50

RE: MAX ELITCHER; HELENE ELITCHER;

ESP - R

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*by Elizabeth [unclear]*

In a signed statement 11/30/45 given to SAS T. SPENCER and JOS. M. KELLY, the following was set out:

"Another group of whose existence I became aware sometime in the early summer of 1942 was comprised of several engineers who, when I first learned of them, were located in New York City. I recall that on one occasion while I was driving through the lower East Side of the City of New York with Golos to keep a dinner engagement, he stepped the car and told me he had to meet someone. I remained in the car and saw Golos meet an individual on the street corner. I managed to get only a fleeting glimpse of the individual and recall that he was tall, thin, and wore horn rimmed eyeglasses. Golos told me that this person was one of a group of engineers, and that he had given this person my residence telephone number so that he would be able to reach Golos whenever he desired. He did not elaborate on the activities of this person and his associates nor did he ever identify any of them except that this oneman to whom he gave my telephone number was referred to as 'Julius'. However, I do not believe this was his true name. I received 2 or 3 telephone calls from Julius telling me he wanted to see Golos and relayed the messages to Golos. Sometime later, probably in 1943, Julius and the others in the group proceeded to Norfolk, Va. where they secured employment of some kind, and I recall that on one occasion Golos traveled to Norfolk to see them. Approximately 6 months prior to the death of Golos, he told me that he was turning over Julius and that group to some other Russian whom he did not identify. My last contact with Julius came shortly before the death of Golos, after the latter had turned the group over to someone else. On this occasion Julius telephoned me very early in the morning and said he wanted to see Golos. Golos told me later that the reason Julius had desired to see him was that he had lost his Russian contact and wanted to enlist Golos' aid in getting reestablished. I have no further knowledge of the identity nor of the activities of this group, except that, so far as I know or have reason to believe, Golos was not receiving mail from them at any time either while they were in New York or after they moved to Norfolk. During a conversation I had with Jack, however, some time in the fall of 1944, when he and I were discussing desirable types of information to be sought, he remarked that, though he was interested primarily in political data, he was always glad to receive information, for instance, like that group of engineers down in Norfolk might secure - if they should learn something about a submarine, I would be glad to get it."

NY report SA THOMAS G. SPENCER 12/5/45  
RE: N. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was; ET AL  
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2	9/4/52	LETTER SAC TO HQ	3	3	
3	9/22/52	MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
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4	9/23/52	MEMO TO FILE	6	0	Referred
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6	9/29/52	MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
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7	10/8/52	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
8	10/29/52	MEMO TO FILE	1	1	

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10	6/4/53	LETTER DORAN TO SAC	3	3	
11	7/13/53	LETTER HQ TO NY	1	0	SEE BU File # 134-435
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12	10/11/53	LETTER SA TO SAC	11	11	
13	3/12/52	LETTER HQ TO NY w/ENCL	3	3	1 N.C.
14	11/10/53	Airtel HQ TO NY	2	0	SEE BU FILE # 134-435
15	11/25/53	AIRTEL HQ TO NY	1	0	SEE BU FILE # 134-435
16	12/11/53	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	0	SEE BU FILE # 134-435
17	12/11/53	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	0	SEE BU FILE # 134-435
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32	12/29/53	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	0	" " " "
33	12/21/53	LETTER NY TO HQ	2	0	" " " "
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35	12/16/53	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	0	SEE BU FILE # 134-435
36	12/21/53	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	0	" " " "
37	1/12/54	LETTER HQ TO LA	1	1	
38	1/14/54	LETTER NO TO HQ	2	2	
39	1/19/54	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	0	SEE BU FILE # 134-435
40	3/3/54	LETTER NY TO HQ 290-9/25/78	1	1	Being Processed
41	3/3/54	LETTER NY TO HQ 290-9/25/78	1	1	Being Processed
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44	4/30/54	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	0	" BU FILE # 134-435
45	5/7/54	LETTER N.O. TO HQ	4	0	SEE BU FILE # 134-435
46	5/18/54	LETTER HQ TO WH	2	0	SEE BU FILE # 134-435
47	5/22/54	LETTER NO TO HQ	1	0	" " " "
48	5/28/54	AIRTEL NY TO HQ	1	0	" " " "
49	5/5/54	LETTER N.O. TO HQ	1	1	
50	6/17/54	LETTER SA TO SAC	2	2	
51	6/25/54	AIRTEL NY TO HQ	1	0	SEE BU FILE # 134-435
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53	8/30/54	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	0	" " " "

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56	2/3/55	LETTER SA TO SAC	1	1	
57	2/5/55	10/SEARCH SLIPS (16) LETTER SA TO SAC	17	17	
58	2/24/55	TELETYPE NY TO HQ	1	1	
59	2/25/55	LETTER SA TO SAC	2	2	
60	2/25/55	LETTER SA TO SAC	3	3	
61	3/1/55	TELETYPE NY TO HQ	3	3	
62	3/1/55	teletype NY TO HQ	1	1	
63	3/1/55	LETTER NY TO TISA	3	3	
64	3/2/55	LETTER NY TO USA	2	2	
65	3/2/55	TELETYPE NY TO HQ	3	3	

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66	3/24/55	LETTER NY TO HQ	6	6	
67	2/23/55	CLIPPING FROM DAILY WORKER	3	3	
68	3/21/55	LETTER HQ TO N.O. W/COPY	1	1	
69	3/28/55	REPORT N.O. TO HQ	4	4	
70a	3/1/55	CLIPPING - DAILY WORKER	2	2	
71	3/1/55	" " "	1	1	
72	2/25/55	TELETYPE - NY TO HQ	1	1	
73	2/25/55	LETTER SA TO SAC	2	2	
74	3/9/55	REPORT FROM NY TO HQ	16	16	
75	3/25/55	LETTER AAG TO HQ	2	0	referred
76	4/19/55	NEWSCLIPPING - NY POST	3	3	

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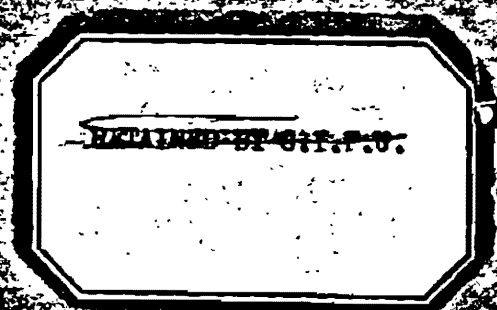
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ATTENTION ASST. DIRECTOR,

A. BELMONT

URGENT

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, ESPIONAGE - R. RENV TELEPHONE CALL TODAY.

BENTLEY ARRESTED TODAY BY CONN. STATE POLICE ON CHARGE OF HIT AND RUN. BENTLEY INFORMED COMMANDING OFFICER, VESTERBROOK BARRACKS, CONN. STATE POLICE SHE WAS WORKING FOR THE FBI AND DESIRED TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME. BENTLEY CALLED NHO ADVISING THAT SHE CUT TOO CLOSE IN FRONT OF CAR DRIVEN BY VICTIM BUT DID NOT HIT VICTIM'S CAR, STATED HER LICENSE WAS TO BE REVOKED AND SHE WAS BEING HELD. SHE ASKED WHAT TO DO. BENTLEY WAS ADVISED TO GET AN ATTORNEY AND THAT THIS WAS A MATTER SHE WOULD HAVE TO HANDLE THROUGH LEGAL COUNSEL. BENTLEY STATED SHE REFUSED TO SEEK COUNSEL AND WAS GOING TO LEAVE THE STATE OF CONN. AND MOVE TO NY. BENTLEY SOUNDED VERY UPSET AND NERVOUS. LT. FRANCIS MANGAN, COMMANDING OFFICER, ADVISED BENTLEY ADMITTED HITTING CAR BUT LEFT SCENE BECAUSE SHE WAS TAKING LADY ARMSTRONG TO THE RAILROAD STATION. LATER BENTLEY DENIED THIS. BENTLEY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO UNIDENTIFIED CHILDREN. BENTLEY REFUSED TO IDENTIFY TO STATE POLICE OTHER OCCUPANTS OF HER CAR. BENTLEY BEING DETAINED BY CONN. STATE POLICE UNTIL SHE POSTS BOND WHICH MOST PROBABLY WILL BE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. CASE SET FOR COURT, VESTERBROOK, CONN., SEPT. SIXTH. BENTLEY

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VERY UNCOOPERATIVE WITH STATE POLICE AND IN CONSTANT COMPANY OF STATE POLICE WOMAN. ESTIMATED DAMAGE TO VICTIM-S CAR TWENTY DOLLARS. NO ONE HURT IN VICTIM-S AUTOMOBILE. NH HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO STATE POLICE THAT THIS BUREAU IN NO WAY DESIRES TO INTERVENE IN THEIR HANDLING OF THIS CASE. NY ADVISED BY TELEPHONE OF ABOVE FACTS AND REQUESTED TO FURNISH SAME TO U.S. ATTORNEY. BUREAU AND NY WILL BE ADVISED OF FINAL OUTCOME.

CASPER

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Director, FBI

September 4, 1952

SAC, New York (65-14603)

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There follows a resume of two incidents which happened to Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY--one on August 29, 1952, and one on August 30, 1952.

On the afternoon of August 29, 1952, SAC Joseph Casper of the New Haven Office called. He related that he had just received information from a Connecticut State Trooper that Miss BENTLEY had been arrested for leaving the scene of an accident and that she was presently incarcerated at the Westbrook Barracks, just east of Madison, Connecticut.

It appears that on the afternoon of August 29, 1952, Miss BENTLEY was driving Lady ARMSTRONG (whose identity is known to the Bureau) and two children from BENTLEY's home to the New Haven Railroad Station. En route she apparently became involved in a very slight accident with another automobile. BENTLEY claims that she did not believe she actually hit the automobile being driven by ROSARIO DERMARO, of 249 William Street, Middletown, Connecticut. In any event, DERMARO swore out a complaint against BENTLEY indicating that she had left the scene of an accident. BENTLEY's license number was radioed to the Connecticut State Troopers and Miss BENTLEY was apprehended while she was returning from New Haven to her home in Madison.

From the story related by the Connecticut State Trooper to SAC Casper, it appears that BENTLEY first admitted the facts and later denied them, and subsequently became somewhat difficult to handle. It also appears that Miss BENTLEY intimated in some fashion or other that she had been, or was, working for the FBI. It was on this latter statement that Miss BENTLEY was allowed to make a phone call to the New Haven Office.

This information was telephonically communicated to Assistant Director A. H. Belmont, who advised Mr. Casper to inform the New York Office that they were to immediately communicate with the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, and advise him of the facts in this case, and to also indicate that this Bureau intended to take no action with regard to BENTLEY's arrest.

This information was immediately relayed to AUSA ROY COHN. COHN advised that he felt he should do something both for the purpose of getting BENTLEY out of jail and attempting to keep the story of her arrest out of the newspapers. He felt that this should be done in view of the fact that BENTLEY would appear as an important witness in the coming REMINGTON trial. Mr. COHN was again advised that this office intended to take no action in the matter but that if in his judgment he felt the United States Attorney's office should take some action, of course this office would not interfere.

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Subsequently Mr. COHN called the New York Office and advised that he had gotten a call through to Commissioner EDWARD HICKEY of the Connecticut State Police and had informed the latter that he was most desirous of having two things accomplished--one, to have Miss BENTLEY immediately released from jail; and secondly, to curtail, if possible, any news reports of her arrest. Mr. COHN stated that he pointed out to Mr. HICKEY the value of Miss BENTLEY as a witness in previous cases as well as in the coming REMINGTON case. COHN advised that Commissioner HICKEY told him he would do what he could and would advise COHN of the results.

A subsequent call was received from Mr. COHN in which he stated that Commissioner HICKEY had informed him that the regulations concerning persons leaving the scene of an accident necessitated the posting of bond. However, in cases where the damage was slight and no personal injury was involved, the prosecuting attorney for the particular county involved could, in his discretion, release an individual without bond. Mr. HICKEY stated that he had contacted the appropriate prosecuting attorney and this individual had agreed to release Miss BENTLEY without bond. As a matter of fact, Mr. HICKEY stated that Miss BENTLEY had been released from the Westbrook Barracks at approximately 5:00 p.m. on August 29. Mr. HICKEY also told Mr. COHN that he would make every effort to see that no press release was made in connection with Miss BENTLEY's arrest.

Assistant Director Belmont was informed telephonically of the fact that COHN had been in contact with Commissioner HICKEY and the facts concerning Miss BENTLEY's release from jail.

On August 31, 1952, Miss BENTLEY called this office and advised she had been involved in a second accident on August 30, 1952. The details, obtained subsequently from Miss BENTLEY, are as follows:

On the afternoon of August 30, 1952, she drove to Clinton, Connecticut, and entered a parking lot in the rear of a shopping center. A truck owned and operated by WILLIAM HOFFMAN, 229 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut, had preceded Miss BENTLEY into the parking area and had entered a vacant parking space. Miss BENTLEY drove behind the truck and was momentarily stopped by traffic and a signal light when the HOFFMAN truck backed out of its space and struck the side of Miss BENTLEY's car. HOFFMAN told BENTLEY he was poor, had a sick wife and no liability insurance. At his suggestion she took her car to a nearby garage where damage was estimated at \$150. The auto repair man questioned HOFFMAN's financial responsibility and suggested BENTLEY notify CARL WEISS, Chief of Police of Clinton, who is acquainted with Miss BENTLEY. WEISS came to the scene, reviewed the facts and advised Miss BENTLEY that he had no jurisdiction since the accident occurred on private property. Miss BENTLEY states her local insurance agent suggested that she place a lien or other legal encumbrance on HOFFMAN's truck since she does not have collision insurance and HOFFMAN seems to lack financial responsibility. Miss BENTLEY states she discussed the matter with JOHN KIDNEY, a local attorney, who appeared uncertain as to what action he could take.

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On September 3, 1952, AUSA Roy Cohn advised he had communicated with TOM DODD, former USA in Hartford, Connecticut, and the latter was then conferring with BENTLEY.

On September 4, 1952, BENTLEY advised this office that after discussing her situations with DODD the latter had suggested that she leave matters in the hands of JOHN KIDNEY, known to him as a responsible and capable attorney.

The above information is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and New Haven.

New York, N. Y.  
9/22/52

MR. BOARDMAN
MR. WHELAN
MR. LADD
MR. CLEGG
MR. GLAVIN
MR. HARBO
MR. NICHOLS
MR. ROSEN
MR. TRACY
MR. MOHR
MR. WINTERROWD
TELE. ROOM
MR. HOLLOMAN
MISS GANDY

*Mr. Spencer*

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PROPERTY UNIT  
TRAINING UNIT

MEMO

Re: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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In the opinion of the agents, Miss Bentley is drinking heavily and appears to be, at times, mentally unstable. I recommended that this information be made available to the United States Attorney. Mr. Hennrich agreed and I so instructed SA Gallaher.

THOMAS J. McANDREWS, SA

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*L. Gallaher*

New York, N. Y.  
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New York, N. Y.  
9/23/52

MEMO:

Re: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, Informant

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Mr. LANE inquired as to what the Bureau desired the USA's office to do about this matter and I advised him that this conference was arranged merely for the purpose of keeping him advised so that if in the future they decided to use her as a witness, they would know what to expect from BENTLEY.

LESTER O. GALLAHER, SA

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New York, N. Y.  
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MEMO

Re: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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Mr. Hennrich advised, as follows:-

(1) The Bureau will be happy for Miss Bentley to be met at the New Haven RR Station today and to be driven to her home.

(2) No personal services will be provided Miss Bentley by the Bureau Agents, such as requested by SAAG Cohn.

(3) SAAG Cohn should be advised that the Department has a fund from which Miss Bentley can be paid as a personal consultant in the event he desires to reimburse her for her living expenses. In the event she needs money for transportation to and from New York, Mr. Hennrich suggested that the United States Marshal, New Haven, Conn., could bring her the money in advance of her trip to New York.

I instructed SA Thomas G. Spencer to bring this to the attention of SAAG Roy Cohn.

THOMAS J. McANDREWS, SA

TJM:MFB

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New York, N. Y.

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- (1) The Bureau will be happy for Miss Bentley to be met at the New Haven RR Station today and to be driven to her home.
- (2) No personal services will be provided Miss Bentley by the Bureau Agents, such as requested by SAAG Cohn.
- (3) SAAG Cohn should be advised that the Department has a fund from which Miss Bentley can be paid as a personal consultant in the event he desires to reimburse her for her living expenses. In the event she needs money for transportation to and from New York, Mr. Hennrich suggested that the United States Marshal, New Haven, Conn., could bring her the money in advance of her trip to New York.

I instructed SA Thomas G. Spencer to bring this to the attention of SAAG Roy Cohn.

THOMAS J. McANDREWS, SA

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ReNY let 9/26/52 and telephone call between Inspector Carl Hennrich of the Bureau and ASAC William M. Whelan on 10/7/52.

The \$50 weekly payment to ELIZABETH BENTLEY, which the Bureau has authorized, expires 10/15/52. Miss BENTLEY has advised that her creditors are making a definite effort to collect the money which she owes. An itemized list of her indebtedness is set forth on page two of referenced New York letter.

Insofar as this office is concerned, it is believed that two alternative suggestions can be made to assist Miss BENTLEY in a financial way in order to assure that she will be a favorable government witness in the coming REMINGTON retrial and other matters in which the Bureau may desire to utilize her services. It is felt that if the Bureau could allocate \$500 towards the payment of her bill with Jolly's Drug Store at Madison, Conn., Dr. SAMUEL GROOPMAN, and PRIMOFF & PRIMOFF, Accountants, and continue for another three-month period to pay her a weekly sum of \$50, this would be one way of getting her out of her financial difficulties. Another possibility is suggested in that we increase her payment from \$50 to \$100 a week for a period of three months with a definite understanding with Miss BENTLEY that at least \$50 be paid to her various creditors.

Due to Miss BENTLEY's improvidence, it is felt that if the Bureau sees fit to pay her the sum of \$500, that this money should be given to her only upon her promise to tender to this Bureau a receipted bill from the individuals to whom she is indebted. Likewise, if her payment is increased from \$50 to \$100 a week, it is felt Miss BENTLEY should furnish this office a financial statement at the end of each month showing exactly how much of the \$100 weekly payment has been used to decrease her indebtedness.

This office is well aware of the economy measures which must be enforced by everyone in the Bureau at this time, and it is with great reluctance that the above recommendations are made, which will affect in some way the Bureau's financial situation. However, in view of the strict circumstances surrounding this informant, there does not appear to be any other way to handle this matter at least at the present time.

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New York, N. Y.  
10/29/52

MEMO:

Re: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

On 10/28/52, ELIZABETH BENTLEY appeared at the New York Office at the request of the writer, at which time she was given a cashier's check for \$550, this being \$500 for past services in order that she might pay her current debts, and \$50 as regular payment for the week of 10/21-10/27/52.

Miss BENTLEY was requested to pay her outstanding debts and to furnish receipted bills reflecting that she had, in fact, paid the \$500 toward the liquidation of her debts. This she agreed to do.

It has been the observation of the writer in his contacts with Miss BENTLEY during the past several weeks, that her mental and emotional condition has improved to a considerable extent. She appears to be much less nervous and much more reasonable in her attitude.

LESTER O. GALLAHER, SA

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (134-182)

FROM : ASAC WILLIAM M. WIELAN

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
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On 3/14/53 Inspector Carl Hennrich, Bureau, called and stated the Bureau had received a letter from JOHN B. WRIGHT, the person who had assaulted ELIZABETH BENTLEY. WRIGHT generally alleges in this letter that the FBI Agent who was with USA Myles J. Lane when Mr. Lane threatened him, refused to identify himself and was exceedingly rude and continuously whispered to Mr. Lane; that he also made some statement to the effect that ARMAND CHANKAILIAN was introduced to him as Foreman of the Grand Jury which would indict him if he did not do what Lane wanted him to do. Mr. Hennrich requested that we determine what the facts are in this matter.

On 3/16/53, after checking the file and conferring with SAs John J. Danahy and Thomas G. Spencer, I advised Mr. Hennrich that he should refer to NY letter, 5/16/52 in the case entitled, GREGORY; ESP. R., the middle of page 3 thereof, for the facts generally.

I pointed out to Mr. Hennrich that the Bureau as well as the USA's Office, was extremely interested in making sure that BENTLEY was not hurt in any way since she was a necessary witness in the retrial of WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON and possibly in some other cases. Mr. Lane had invited an Agent to be in his office because ANSA Roy Cohn, who was also familiar with the facts, was not available, and also because he thought that we should be completely familiar with any allegations that WRIGHT might make with reference to BENTLEY which, if found to be true and if discovered by future defense counsel, might affect her credibility as a witness. SA John J. Danahy was present in Mr. Lane's Office at 3:00 P. M., 5/14/52 when, in answer to a subpoena, JOHN B. WRIGHT arrived at Mr. Lane's Office. SA Danahy advised that Mr. Lane handled WRIGHT in a most formal and cold manner and that, as he recalls, Lane merely introduced Danahy as Special Agent Danahy of the FBI, and then introduced himself as Myles J. Lane, United States Attorney, and directed WRIGHT to sit down. Danahy recalls he did not shake hands with WRIGHT, nor did Lane shake hands with him. SA Danahy said he seated himself in a chair some ten to fifteen feet distance from Lane's chair and had no conversation at all with WRIGHT and neither did he have any conversation, whispered or otherwise with Lane during the course of Lane's interview with WRIGHT. I further advised Mr. Hennrich that SA Danahy is an experienced Agent and a most courteous individual; that there is no reason to believe that there could be the slightest foundation for WRIGHT's charge. SA Danahy further states that the

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interview lasted approximately thirty minutes. He recalls that, perhaps ten minutes after the interview began, ARMAND CHANKAILLON did walk into Mr. Lane's Office and did sit down. Danahy said he does not remember that Chankailian was introduced to WRIGHT and CHANKAILIAN took no part in the conversation.

I pointed out to Mr. Hennrich the fact that CHANKAILIAN's picture and name has been very prominently displayed in the newspapers numerous times since the WRIGHT interview and that he could well have discovered CHANKAILIAN's name as a result of this notoriety. I also pointed out to him that the Bureau records are extensive on CHANKAILIAN's connection with the underworld characters such as three finger Brown and and I also pointed out that CHANKAILIAN and LANE were very close personal friends; that Agents have observed on many occasions that CHANKAILIAN had complete access to Mr. Lane's office at any time and that they were seen in each other's company after office hours.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY (134-182)

DATE: 6/4/53

FROM : J. J. Danahy

SUBJECT: RE PHONE CALL FROM DAVID SHINE,  
SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

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Elizabeth Bentley  
Informant file

Mr. David Shine, above, phoned writer at 10<sup>27</sup> P inst. date and said he was following thru on a request made earlier today by Mr. Roy Cohen of above Committee, that the FBI attempt to locate ELIZABETH BENTLEY in order that she may be available to testify before the Committee in Washington on 6/5/53.

Mr. Shine was given no info but was advised writer would check around and call him back. He stated he was at the theatre. Accordingly, writer requested that he phone when he gets out of the show.

Matter was referred to SA J. Lanco at 10<sup>40</sup> P. He advised there was some conversation between Mr. Belmont of Div. 1 & Mr. Whelan. Accordingly, Mr. Whelan was called at 10<sup>42</sup> P. who suggested Shine be told we don't have any record of the request having been made here to determine Bentley's whereabouts.

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At Mr W's suggestion writer phoned Mr. Belmont 11:03 P. He said he would call me back and did so at 11:10 P saying to advise Shine that we have no record of the request and that same he made thru Washington.

At 11:31 Shine called back and was given the above info. He ask for and was given Bur. phone # - Executive 3-7100.

At 11:50 Mr. Martin phoned from Bur. saying Shine had called him. Mr. Martin called again at 12:03 A (5th Dist.) saying he was talking with Mr. Belmont. Martin said to phone Shine at the Stork Club, Ph 3-1940, and give him following message:  
"We have nothing further on Miss Bentley and the appropriate officials of the Bureau will be advised of your call."

Above message given to Mr. Shine at 12:05 A. He said he is anxious to talk to Miss Bentley tonight in order to have her testify Friday (5th) if possible. He asked for her home phone

number and was told writer would look it up. Immediately thereafter. I told Shine her name does not appear in the Manhattan phone directory. He was not insistent, but did say: "I know you do have her phone number there somewhere." He followed that quickly by stating that he would be there at the Stork Club for some time and that if we got anything on Miss Bi whereabouts he'd appreciate a phone call. He thanked the writer for his help.

TO: SAC, NY

DATE: 10/1/53

FROM: JOSEPH V. WATERS, SA (100-113307)

SUBJECT: USE OF BENEVOLENT TRUST FUNDS,  
PHILANTHROPIES AND ELEMOSYNARY  
INSTITUTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE  
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By letter dated 2/24/53 entitled as above, the Bureau furnished photostatic copies of memoranda prepared by the House of Representatives Select Committee to Investigate Foundations and Other Organizations reflecting interviews with Committee witnesses.

- 1 - NY 134-182 (P&C)
- 1 - NY 100-57639 (LOUISE BRANSTEN)
- 1 - NY 65-14603 (ABRAHAM BROTHMAN)
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- 1 - NY 100-New (HALLIE FLANAGAN)
- 1 - NY 100-48358 (LEE FUHR)
- 1 - NY 100-New (HARRY GALT)
- 1 - NY 100-95034 (HAROLD GLASSER)
- 1 - NY 65-14920 (ALGER HISS)
- 1 - NY 100-54684 (VLADIMIR D. KALAKEVICH)
- 1 - NY 100-25780 (CORLISS LAMONT)
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- 1 - NY 100-84340 (HARRIET MOORE)
- 1 - NY 100-94653 (VICTOR FERLO)
- 1 - NY 100-New (MARY PRICE)
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- 1 - NY 100-10025 (ADELAIDE SCHULKIND)
- 1 - NY 65-14603 (NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER)
- 1 - NY 100-79709 (AMERICAN PEOPLES FUND)
- 1 - NY 100-New (CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR WORLD PEACE)
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In reporting material in these memoranda the Bureau has instructed that it be attributed to the witnesses. The source memoranda should be referred to only by confidential symbol.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum of an interview with ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY conducted on 11/13/52.

C O P Y

MEMORANDUM

November 17, 1952

TO: Mr. Keele

FROM: Mr. Kennelly

RE: Interview with ELIZABETH BENTLEY, Madison, Connecticut  
November 13, 1952.

I personally interviewed Miss Bentley at her home in Madison, Connecticut. She was most friendly and cooperative and furnished the following information:

BACKGROUND

She was born at Milford, Connecticut, and studied at Vassar, having graduated from there in 1930. At Vassar her dramatic teacher was Hallie Flanagan, a woman who interested her in Russian dramatics. She did not know if Miss Flanagan was a Communist, but all of her ideas pointed that way.

After graduation, she studied in Italy in the Summer of 1931 and again in 1933 and 1934.

Upon returning to the United States, she went to Columbia University to continue her studies. In the meantime, she had been making a study of the world situation and became quite convinced that a change was needed in the American economic system. More as an idealist than anything else, she first joined the League Against Fascism and War at Columbia in the fall of 1934. She then began making a gradual study of Marxism economics, and knowing very little about economics and philosophy, it made a great impression upon her. She gradually decided that in the League she was merely fighting against something and she shifted over to the Communist Party where she would actually be fighting for something. She hastened to point out that many people were shifting to the Communist Party in those days, their action being borne of cynicism and despair and the poor economic conditions of the time.

She was approached by a girl at Columbia named Lee Fuhr, who was a Registered Nurse and who was trying to get a Public Health degree at Teachers College, and Larry Mendenhall, a teacher at the Lincoln School. They both asked her to join. There was no induction ceremony. These persons made up an application form and both endorsed her. She was accepted by a joint Communist Party unit for Columbia and Teachers College known as Unit No. 1, Harlem Section. She immediately received her Communist Party book which set forth her name and unit number and had space inside for posting dues stamps. This was in March of 1935.

Later she worked at Macy's Department Store and was shifted to another unit, but shifted back to the Columbia unit because she lived in that neighborhood.

She went into espionage in July, 1938. She had a call from the Columbia employment office that the Italian Bureau of Information, located at 57th Street and Madison Avenue, was looking for a researcher. She got the job and soon found out that the Bureau was a branch of the Italian propaganda unit. The Communist Party asked her to stay on, however, and she went underground. She was put in touch with Jacob Golos of the Russian Secret Police and began turning over all information concerning the Bureau to Golos. She was fired about March of 1939 when the Bureau discovered that she was an Anti-Fascist.

Golos told her, however, to stay undercover and not go back to her unit. Then for a short time nothing exciting happened and she did mostly research work at the 42nd Street Library on any subject Golos requested. She remembered for example that she did a piece on Herbert Hoover's Finnish Relief Program, one on Thomas E. Dewey and one on the Mexican Elections.

In 1939 she was put in touch with Abe Brothman who would turn over scientific information to her for Golos. She could not remember whom Brothman represented, but did recall that he furnished her with numerous blue prints for Golos. Later Brothman was turned over to Harry Galt because Bentley did not understand the blue prints.

Then for a time she was liaison with Mexican Communists until about the time Trotsky was killed and later with Canadian Communists.

In February 1941 she took on Mary Price who was Walter Lippman's secretary. Lippman had numerous government contacts and Mary Price would pass information to Bentley for Golos from Lippman's files.

When the Germans attacked Russia in June 1941, Golos started lining up agents in the United States Government. Some were sleeper agents not to be activated until a later date. These agents in turn were contacted by Bentley and their information relayed to Golos. For a complete list of her contacts in the government for this purpose, see page 115 of the Report entitled "Communist Activities Among Aliens and National Groups, Part I", being part of the hearings of the Sub-committee on Immigration and Naturalization of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Golos died on November 25, 1943. He was an American citizen who had obtained citizenship through his parents. He was born in the Ukraine and came to America in his teens. He was a real revolutionary. In his early days he was active in helping Russia and finally went back to Russia where he worked as a foreman in a coal mine. In this country he was put in charge of a travel agency called World Tourists in the early 30's which enabled him to send many persons to Russia, including students, etc. He was still head of the World Tourists when he died, although at that time it was only sending packages to Russia.

He was in a high place in the Communist Party and one of a three-man control commission set up for disciplinary action. In addition, as stated before, he was connected with the Russian Secret Police.

When Golos died, Bentley received new superiors, all arrogant individuals to whom she reported. The first one was named Bill, followed by a second one named Jack (the FBI has been endeavoring to identify these persons for a long time) and the third one was Anatol Gramov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy. Up to the point of Golos' death, Bentley claims she was idealistic about her work, thought that the world conditions called for a change and that any



methods justified reaching this end. Her new superiors, however, shattered this illusion and told her plainly that the purpose of the Communist Party was to build a superior political party in Moscow. To solicit her assistance they endeavored to bribe her with money and an air-conditioning machine and Gramov even went so far as to present her with a medal, The Order of the Red Star.

Although disillusioned, Bentley kept on being a courier, but did not hand over any of her contacts to her new superiors. She was also liaison with Earl Browder and even he was disillusioned. He capitulated, however, to the wishes of the Russians and she was left alone. She tried to get as many of her contacts as possible out of the Party which was difficult because a real Communist has blinders on and refuses to see the light. She did induce some contacts in the government to leave the Party and their espionage activities by telling them that they were in danger and must be tired, etc. In addition, she slanted some of their reports to make them less effective.

Finally on August 19, 1945 she could stand it no longer and walked into the New Haven office of the FBI and gave herself up. The FBI requested her to stay in the Party and to keep her contacts with the Russians. She stayed underground until the Summer of 1948 when she was subpoenaed in July to testify before the Senate Investigating Committee and the House Un-American Activities Committee. In June of 1947 she did testify secretly concerning the Party before a blue ribbon grand jury in New York. She wasn't quite sure when the Party first learned that she had recanted, but believed it was about November 1947 when she began to get mysterious phone calls.

After deciding to leave the Party, she took a great interest in religion. Although her parents had been High Episcopalians, she had no particular religion. When she was testifying in Washington in the Summer of 1948, Louis Budenz introduced her to Catholic Bishop Sheen. After many discussions with him, she was baptised in the Catholic Church on November 5, 1948.

## INFORMATION CONCERNING FOUNDATIONS

Miss Bentley had no direct information concerning the work of the Party directed against foundations; particularly because she was a member for so many years of the Underground Party dealing in espionage and not in the open. She had no personal experience with the Cultural Commission of the Party referred to by Budenz. (See Feeney memos) She does recall that when she joined the Party in March, 1935, the Party was interested in infiltrating all types of organizations, including schools, fraternal organizations and even seminaries where it could influence public opinion. The Party particularly was interested in "intellectuals" being that they were qualified for espionage and propaganda purposes. Then in 1930 and 1940, most of her friends in the Party had Ph. d.'s. She concluded, therefore, that the Party was undoubtedly interested in the work of foundations.

Miss Bentley was able, however, to identify numerous persons who had been connected with foundations, particularly as grantees. During the interview, I asked her concerning all individuals referred to in the following documents: (1) the summary memos concerning subversive allegations prepared by the staff dealing with the Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Carnegie Corporation, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Russell Sage Foundation, 20th Century Fund, General Education Board, Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Rosenberg Foundation, Sloan Foundation, Field Foundation, Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust and the William C. Whitney Foundation. (These summary memos include information contained in our files as of November 12 from varied sources, including the Alfred Kohlberg Report.) (2) the speech of Congressman Cox on the Floor of the House, dated October 1, 1951; (3) the article in the American Legion Magazine by William Fulton which was based on Mr. Cox's speech; (4) the Feeney memo concerning Louis Budenz, dated November 4, 1952; (5) the Feeney memo concerning Mrs. Della Dodd, dated November 11, 1952; (6) the Feeney memo concerning Manning Johnson, dated November 12, 1952; (7) the Snape memo concerning grants and allegations according to de Huger, dated November 5, 1952; (8) the Feeney memo concerning interview with Robert Morris, dated September 25, 1952; (9) the Feeney memo concerning an interview with William Fulton, dated

September 26, 1952; (10) the Kennelly memo concerning Professor David M. Rowe, dated November 7, 1952; (11) the February 15, 1951 issue of "Headlines"; and (12) the June 1, 1951 issue of "Headlines"; additional information obtained from other sources not yet reduced to writing.

Miss Bentley was able to furnish the following information concerning individuals connected with various foundations:

The Ford Foundation: Nothing.

The Rockefeller Foundation: She knew Frederick V. Field as a Communist. Field had been instrumental in obtaining considerable monies for the IPR from the Rockefeller Foundation. Bentley did meet Earl Browder in Field's New York home. Field was connected with the Eastern Unit of the Communist Party and a contact of Earl Browder for the Unit. Bentley recalled that Mildred Price, head of the China Aid Council, a Communist organization, did complain that Field was not carrying out his responsibilities which Bentley would report to Browder. Browder identified Field as a Communist to Bentley.

Bentley knew Dr. Corliss Lamont. She did not know him personally, but he was a close friend of Jack Reynolds, mentioned before when Bentley was connected with the United States Service and Shipping Corporation which Reynolds headed. Lamont taught at the Institute of Contemporary Russian Civilization conducted at Cornell University during the war along with Vladimir D. Kazakevich. Kazakevich, a Communist, said that Lamont was a Communist. (See my memo concerning information reported by Frederick Woltman on Kazakevich and this school.) This Institute was originally backed by Rockefeller monies.

Kasakevich was a stateless person and, therefore, could not have been a member of the American Communist Party. He worked with the Russian Secret Police through Bentley and Golos. He did not have much information, but did supply some data on White Russians. He has now left the country and is ostensibly in Russia.

She knew Harriet Moore as a Communist. Moore was also connected with the IPR, was in on the start of the Russian War Relief. The United States Service and Shipping Corporation, for which Bentley worked, had contract about the Summer of 1941 with Intourist which was part of the Russian Trade Commission.

The World Tourist organization, directed by Jacob Golos, was an agent of Intourist. World Tourist packed and received packages and sent them to Russia and Intourist did the financial paper work. Later they worked together with the Russian War Relief shipping packages to Russia. Harriet Moore admitted to Bentley that she was a Communist. The Rockefeller Foundation contributed monies to the IPR.

The Carnegie Corporation: Miss Bentley had no information concerning this foundation except to state that she personally had a fellowship of the Institute of International Education in 1933 and 1934, to study Italian in Italy. In those days, however, she knew nothing about the Communist Party and had no opinions concerning this Institute.

Carnegie Endowment for World Peace: Miss Bentley knew Alger Hiss was a Communist. In 1944 Bentley had control of eight or nine people in government agencies, one of whom was Harold Glasser. Glasser, however, was disconnected from this unit known as the Victor Perlo group which was a remanent of Harold Ware group. Bentley was told by Charles Kramer that Glasser had been disconnected by Alger Hiss. Kramer, also known as Krivitsky, was a member of the Perlo group, also as a Communist. Bentley knew that Hiss was connected with the Russians, but did not know what Russian group, i.e., whether the Russian Police, Russian Military Intelligence, Naval Intelligence, etc.

Russell Sage Foundation: Nothing.

20th Century Fund: Nothing

General Education Board: Bentley did not know whether John K. Fairbank of Harvard was a Communist or not. She recalls that he went to China and Mildred Price, mentioned above, had him bring back information from Madam Sun Yat Seng and others, while Price was head of the China Aid Council. Bentley believed that Fairbank was then with the OWI and this occurred around 1944. Bentley never met Fairbank; however, she also suggested that her testimony in the IPR hearings be checked.

Guggenheim Memorial Foundation: Louis Adamic furnished information to Bentley through Budenz in the late Spring of 1943 until about the late Spring of 1944. Budenz was the editor of the Daily Worker and Adamic was connected with OSS. The information, however, she recalls was about Yugoslavia. She did not know whether Adamic was a Communist Party member, but he certainly was a sympathizer. Bentley was not a regular espionage agent, but did furnish some information. She believed that Budenz did have considerable additional information concerning Adamic.

She also knew Hallie Flanagan, one of the Guggenheim grantees who is mentioned above, as her dramatic teacher at Vassar. Flanagan was very Pro-Russian and had a great affect on Bentley. She did not know whether Flanagan was a Communist.

Rosenberg Foundation: She knew Louise Branston, a trustee of the Foundation, having met her originally when they were students together at Vassar. Later she met Branston on the Fifth Floor of the Communist Party Headquarters at 35 East 12th Street, New York City. The Fifth Floor was where the New York District Office was located. Others including Golos and Silvermaster, one of the government espionage agents, identified Branston as a Communist.

Branston left Vassar to marry Richard Branston. Her maiden name was Rosenberg. Branston was editor of the New Masses and used a pseudonym, which Bentley did not recall. She has been divorced from him now for thirteen or fourteen years, however, and goes under a different name which Bentley did not recall. (Her present name is probably Mrs. Lionel Berman, see Feeney memo re Bolla Dodd, dated November 11, 1952.)

Sloan Foundation: She had no information concerning anyone except Frederick V. Field, mentioned above.

Field Foundation: Nothing.

Whitney Foundation: Bentley was somewhat familiar with the League for Mutual Aid which was run by Adelaide Schulkind. Schulkind was tied up with the Consumers Union in New York and all of the persons connected with the Union are Communists except one. Bentley worked for the Union for a month in 1937. She felt that if Schulkind was not a Communist, that she was purposely kept outside the Party discipline.

She also knew that Frontier Films was a Communist organization. Jacob Golos was tied up with numerous foundations and she knew that this organization was Communist.

She knew Clarina Michaelson, by reputation as a Communist, although she did not know her personally. She believes that Michaelson was in the Department Store Unit of the Party when Bentley was working at Macy's in the same unit.

Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust: Nothing.

American Council of Learned Societies and Mortimer Graves: Nothing.

American Peoples Fund: Nothing, except concerning Frederick V. Field, seen before.

I asked Miss Bentley for the names of persons she felt the Committee should see for additional information. She recommended the following: Louis Budenz, Paul Crouch, Carl Barslag of the American Legion, Frederick Woltman of the New York World Telegram Sun, Ralph Toledano of the News Week, Howard Rushmore of the New York Journal American, J. E. Matthews and Ben Mandel; all of these individuals have been interviewed with the exception of Barslag who is in Washington.

Miss Bentley agreed to appear before the Committee as a witness if mutually convenient arrangements could be made as to the date and her expenses. She will telephone the writer during the week of November 17 concerning both matters.

SAC, New York (65-14603)

March 12, 1952

Director, FBI (65-56402)

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reurlet March 4, 1952, enclosing a carbon copy of a release and a receipt which you had prepared for execution by Elizabeth Bentley when you paid her \$2,000 for services rendered. Enclosed are the original and one copy of a combination receipt and release paper which has been prepared by the Department. You are requested to pay Bentley \$2,000, at which time she should sign the original and copy of the enclosed paper.

Advise the Bureau when payment has been made.

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME OR MY CONCERN,

WHEREIN, KNOW YE, That I, ELLIABETH FERRILL MERTLEY, residing at New Bedford, Medford, Connecticut, acknowledge receipt on this date of the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), lawful money of the United States of America, from Special Agent (Name) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in full payment for my and all services heretofore rendered by me to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, its officials, agents, and representatives. For and in consideration of the receipt of the said sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, do remise, release, and forever discharge the United States of America, its officials, agencies, agents, and representatives, from any claim which I ever had, now have, or may hereafter have, touching upon or relating to services rendered by me to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and touching upon or relating to the return of the Two Thousand Dollars which I received in October 1945 from Marshall A. Greenow and which I turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 27, 1945.

This release may not be changed orally.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

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L.S.

STATE OF }  
of }  
COUNTY OF } ss: }

On this day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two before me personally came ELLIABETH FERRILL MERTLEY to me known, and known to me to be the individual described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.



TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME OR MAY CONCERN,

GREETING: KNOW YE, That I, ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, residing at New Road, Madison, Connecticut, acknowledge receipt on this date of the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), lawful money of the United States of America, from Special Agent (Name) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in full payment for any and all services heretofore rendered by me to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, its officials, agents, and representatives. For and in consideration of the receipt of the said sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, do remise, release, and forever discharge the United States of America, its officials, agencies, agents, and representatives, from any claim which I ever had, now have, or may hereafter have, touching upon or relating to services rendered by me to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and touching upon or relating to the return of the Two Thousand Dollars which I received in October 1945 from Anatoli B. Gromov and which I turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 17, 1945.

This release may not be changed orally.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and seal the day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

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STATE OF                    }  
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COUNTY OF

On the            day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two before me personally came ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY to me known, and known to me to be the individual described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-23392)

January 12, 1954

Director, FBI (101-4762)

LINI MOERKERE STOUNEN  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re New York letter dated December 29, 1953; re report Special Agent William T. Baker dated December 17, 1953, at Mexico City, Mexico. U

A copy of the referenced New York letter, together with the enclosure mentioned in that letter, is enclosed for the Los Angeles Office. Two copies of the referenced report are enclosed for the Los Angeles Office. U

A review of the file on Stounen reflects she has been active in the Communist Movement since the mid 1930's, and she is closely associated with Mexican and American Communists in the Mexico City, Mexico, area. In view of her activities a Security Index Card is warranted. Since Stounen's last residence in the United States in December, 1949, was in Los Angeles, California, Los Angeles is being designated office of origin. U

The Los Angeles Office should comply with the instructions set forth in the enclosed New York letter. U

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The report should be accompanied by an FD-122 recommending Stounen's inclusion in the Security Index. U

Enclosure

cc - New York (134-182) (65-14603) (100-48358)  
2cc - Legal Attache (100-825) (For Information) Mexico City, Mexico

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-7868)

From: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-15330)

Subject: LOUIS SASS, was  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Date: JANUARY 14, 1954

REGISTERED MAIL

Reference is made to Newark letter to Bureau 12/28/53, copies to New Orleans, in which this office was requested to interview Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY regarding an individual whom she mentioned as LOUIS SASS in her book "OUT OF BONDAGE".

On January 12, 1954, Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, and she advised that LOUIS SASS was a Hungarian national and formerly belonged to the Communist Party in Hungary, and when she knew him in the spring of 1935, he was Organizational Secretary of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party in New York City. She stated that he was there through 1937, at which time she lost track of him.

Miss BENTLEY advised that about 1939 she read a report of the Committee on Un-American Activities for the State of Washington, wherein the name LOUIS SASS was listed as "uncooperative witness" which appeared before that organization. She added that this organization is now extinct.

Miss BENTLEY advised that possibly Mr. CANNELL, who was Head of the Investigating Committee at Seattle at that time, might be able to furnish some information regarding LOUIS SASS.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she believed that the name LOUIS SASS was a Party name, and that she does not know whether or not this is the correct name of this individual, adding more than likely it is not his correct name. Miss BENTLEY advised that other than the above, she has no information concerning this individual.

Miss BENTLEY stated that in writing her book, there were many instances wherein she added drama to her material in order to create more human interest and more reader appeal. She also stated that a great number

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cc: 4 - NEW YORK (2 - NY #65-7243)  
(2 - NY #65-14603)  
2 - NEWARK (100-35161)  
1 - SEATTLE (Info.)

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Re: LOUIS SASS

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of meetings or happenings were "kaleidoscoped" into one meeting or happening, which accounts for the differences in her book, and the signed statement that she gave to the New York Office in 1945.

In view of the fact that this office is not in possession of information regarding previous investigation that has been conducted concerning this individual, no leads are being set out by this office, but is being left to the discretion of NEW YORK, Office of Origin. RJC.

TO: Director, FBI (100-63)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-7802)  
SUBJECT: LOUIS BUDENZ, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Date 3/3/54

RebuAirtel dated 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE, ESPIONAGE-R".

Referenced Air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appropriate individual files.

Information appearing in the book concerning the above individual on pages 186, 187, 226, 228, 259 is, in substance, the same as that appearing in ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S signed statement dated November 30, 1945, (65-14603 serial 264).

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SAC, New York (100-26016)

JACOB RASIN, was  
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebuar-tel 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEITER WHITE,  
ESPIONAGE - R."

Reair-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book "Out of  
Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in  
the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the  
Bureau and that all pertinent data in the book is channelized to appro-  
priate individual files.

References pertaining to the above subject were found in the  
book on pages: 94, 95, 97, 98, 103-146, 148-151, 153-157, 160, 161, 163,  
164, 167, 174, 175, 177-180, 182-195, 198-216, 218-221, 223-231, 234-237,  
240, 243, 244, 246, 248, 251, 267, 270, 272, 279.

The subject is referred to in the book as "TIMMY", "YASHA",  
JACOB GOLOS (by which name the subject was most commonly known), and JACOB  
RASIN.

In view of the fact that the subject has been dead since 11/25/43  
and because of the extremely large number of references to him in the book,  
a detailed study of each reference was not made, however, from a perusal of  
the references, there appears to be little information set out in the book  
which materially changes or adds to information which BENTLEY has furnished  
in the past concerning the subject.

A copy of the book "Out of Bondage" is maintained in the NYO  
library and may be referred to should the occasion arise in the future that  
the information contained in the book need be reviewed.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To : SAC, New York

Date: February 12, 1954

From : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: DISCONTINUED SECURITY INFORMANTS

For the information of the offices receiving copies of this letter, the Bureau has been contacted by one Douglas Larsen, Staff Correspondent for the NEA Service, Inc. (Newspaper Enterprise Association), concerning some outstanding former informants who should have some recognition for their past cooperation with the FBI. The names of the following individuals were furnished to Larsen with background data, all of which has been previously made known publicly through testimony or otherwise:

Herbert A. Philbrick  
Louis Budenz  
Mary Markward  
Elizabeth Bentley  
Bereniece Baldwin  
Norman Hamlin  
Timothy Evans, Jr.  
Dennis R. Lancaster  
Margaret Louise Ames  
Daniel Scarletto  
Floyd R. Hall

If any of these individuals contact your offices concerning any inquiry from Larsen, there is no objection to their cooperating with Larsen, but any decision of such nature must be made by the informants themselves. The Bureau should be advised if any of these former informants are contacted by Larsen and the action which they take with regard to cooperating with him.

2 cc: Detroit  
New Orleans  
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Washington Field Division

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Director, FBI (100-410330)

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SAC, New Orleans (100-15457)(134-89)

OSCAR SYDNEY COX, wa.  
SM-C

*Re Elizabeth Bentley*

*Oscar S. Cox  
97-10807 ad'd  
108-3052 ad'd  
15-6315-1a-1-7*

Rebulet to Washington Field 5-17-54, same requesting Washington Field to furnish New Orleans with background data and a photograph of COX in order that ELIZABETH BENTLEY might be interviewed in this matter.

By Washington Field letter 5-28-54 a photograph of COX and background information concerning him were furnished to New Orleans for the purpose of interview with BENTLEY.

By New Orleans letter dated 5-22-54 entitled ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, SECURITY INFORMANT, Washington Field, Newark, New York, New Haven, and the Bureau were advised that Miss BENTLEY left Grand Coteau, Louisiana, on May 21, 1954, en route to Madison, Conn., where she can be reached in care of Mrs. GEORGE PERIOD, Route 1, Madison, Conn. Miss BENTLEY stated that Mrs. PERIOD resides on Lovett Lane and has a telephone but she did not recall the number. BENTLEY stated she expected to take about a week to drive through and she would probably contact the New York Office en route to Conn. BENTLEY advised she will be in Madison for only a short time and plans to go to Columbia University in New York to see about making contacts to attend summer school there to work on her Doctor's degree.

Inasmuch as BENTLEY is now in Madison, Conn., the following pertinent serials are furnished to New Haven with the request that BENTLEY be interviewed in accordance with Bureau instructions:

Bulet to WFO 5-17-54

WFO let to Bureau 5-28-54

Report of SA LYMAN G. HAILEY, 4-14-54, Washington, D.C.  
2 photos of subject, OSCAR SYDNEY COX

Copies of this letter have been designated for the Bureau and the offices indicated in view of the fact that they may have occasion to interview BENTLEY. RUC

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cc-Washington Field (100-29200)(REG)

cc-New Haven (enc)(REG)

cc-New York (info)(REG)

cc-Newark (info)(REG)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

FROM : LESTER O. GALLAHER (134-182)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

DATE: 6/17/54

On 6/17/54, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY telephonically contacted the writer. She advised that she was in NYC for the day having come down from her home in Madison, Connecticut for the purpose of obtaining information concerning courses she plans to take at Columbia University this summer. Throughout the conversation Miss BENTLEY seemed to be in good spirits and pleasant in her manner.

During the conversation various items pertaining to her future plans were discussed with her. She advised that she plans to take several courses during the summer school session of Columbia University working towards her Ph.D degree and plans to return to her teaching position at the College of the Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau, Louisiana at the beginning of the fall term. She advised that it is her present plan to commute daily from Madison, Conn. to Columbia University.

Miss BENTLEY said she has not sold her house in Madison, Conn. but still has it rented. At present she does not plan to sell it but will continue renting it.

She advised that she has received a letter from AUSA OWEN, SDNY which advised her that the USA's office is planning to bring the perjury case on RAISSA and EARL BROWDER to trial in the "near future" and that it was contemplated she would be subpoenaed as a witness in the case, in which event she would be paid the usual witness fees and traveling expenses. She said this presents something of a problem to her inasmuch as it is necessary for her to stick to her duties as an instructor at the College of the Sacred Heart if she expects to hold this job. Further, if the trial is held prior to the beginning of the school year, it will either interfere with her studies at Columbia or cut into the brief period of vacation which she will have following the summer term at Columbia and the resumption of her duties at the college.

The writer advised her that while he was not acquainted with Mr. OWEN, it was felt that if she discussed the matter with him and outlined her problems with regard to this matter, that perhaps some reasonable solution could be worked out which would cause her a minimum of inconvenience. She said she would call Mr. OWEN immediately and endeavor to arrange a meeting with him to discuss this problem as suggested.

With regard to the attempts to secure a deposition from her in Louisiana in the libel suit of WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR v. Washington News, Miss

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BENTLEY said she felt this was a "fishing expedition" on the part of TAYLOR to ascertain what information she had given to the FBI and that the libel suit was in itself an attempt by TAYLOR to delay his dismissal from the UN. She said the attempt to secure a deposition was represented to her as a joint effort on the part of the Washington News and TAYLOR to secure her testimony. However, she said she later learned that this was not actually the case and really an attempt on the part of TAYLOR to obtain information which she has furnished to this Bureau. While enroute to Connecticut from Louisiana recently she stopped in Washington where she accompanied her lawyer and the attorney for the Washington News to a conference with TAYLOR's lawyer. She now believes that the matter is settled although it is still in a pending status.

Subsequently on the same date, Miss BENTLEY contacted the writer from the U. S. Court House. She said she had just conferred with Mr. OWEN regarding the BROWDER matter and appeared to be satisfied with the results, although she had little to say regarding this conference.

She accompanied the writer to lunch, during which she was shown photographs of Dr. ERNST KADISCH and ALEXEI VASILIEVITCH EFREMOV as possible suspects for the Unknown Subject Bill, was., with negative results.

During the general conversation that followed Miss BENTLEY appeared to be in good spirits, friendly, and in a better state of mental health than she exhibited on most of the occasions when she has been contacted by the writer in the past.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

United States Government

TO: SAC, NY

DATE: 2/3/55

FROM: R. A. Collins

SUBJECT: Elizabeth Bentley  
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FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT" (NY 100-94014-Sub A-1).

HARVEY MATUSOW, Former [REDACTED] whose (b)(2)  
services were utilized on behalf of the Bureau during the  
approximate period Jan. 1950 to Dec. 1950, was discontinued  
effective 12/26/50. This informant is now to be characterized  
in every instance as of ~~unknown reliability~~ **KNOWN UNRELIABILITY.**

Pursuant to Bureau instructions in reairtel, it  
has been noted on the appropriate serials in this file that  
information from MATUSOW is not to be disseminated to outside  
agencies unless the information has been corroborated by  
other reliable sources, in which event the information furnished  
by MATUSOW should be identified as coming from an informant  
of ~~unknown reliability~~ **KNOWN UNRELIABILITY**

In connection with dissemination of information  
furnished by this informant, a review of instant file disclosed  
that the following communications to the Bureau, other offices,  
or outside agencies, contained information attributed to him:

*cf reviewed however contained no  
information from Matusow.*

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TO: SAC, NY  
FROM: R. H. Collins  
SUBJECT: Elizabeth Bentley  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NY

DATE 2-5-55

FROM: SA GENE R. RALPH

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SUBJECT: ~~ELIZABETH BENTLEY~~  
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Rebuairtel to NY 1/28/55 entitled "HARVEY MATUSOW,  
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT" (NY 100-94014-Sub A-1).

HARVEY MATUSOW, Former [REDACTED] (b)(2) whose services were utilized on behalf of the Bureau during the approximate period Jan. 1950 to Dec. 1950, was discontinued effective 12/26/50. This informant is now to be characterized in every instance as of known unreliability.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions in reairtel, it has been noted on the appropriate serials in this file that information from MATUSOW is not to be disseminated to outside agencies unless the information has been corroborated by other reliable sources, in which event the information furnished by MATUSOW should be identified as coming from an informant of known unreliability.

In connection with dissemination of information furnished by this informant, a review of instant file disclosed that the following communications to or from the Bureau, other offices, or outside agencies, contained information attributed to him:

All references indicated on attached indices search slip dated 2-3-55 reviewed. The only ~~info.~~ reference reflecting info. furnished by MATUSOW is on page 4 of the indices search slip, namely 100-17808-747 which was prepared on a separate write up to that file. Other references negative.

Index cards revealed three separate case files for subject, namely 65-14603; 134-182; and 100-98062. Separate memos prepared for each of the files mentioned, with reference to info. furnished by MATUSOW.

For record purposes.

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## INDICES SEARCH SLIP

TO CHIEF CLERK:

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ELIZABETH REITLEY

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Letter to United States Attorney, Southern District of New York

Bentley. Watts advised that when Matusow came back from this trip he had a new set of golf clubs which looked very expensive. He stated that Matusow told him that he had taken Mrs. Bentley out of the country because she had donated a large sum of money to the campaign of Senator Butler in Maryland and that a Congressional Committee was investigating that election and Mrs. Bentley was afraid that she would be subpoenaed. Watts advised that he never stated who had asked him to go to the Virgin Islands with Mrs. Bentley,

Watts advised that shortly after he returned from this trip Matusow moved from 141 West Tenth Street, New York, New York, to an apartment believed in the vicinity of Park Avenue and 71st Street, New York, New York. Watts advised that he had never been in the apartment but from the way Matusow had described it, it must have been a very luxurious apartment. Watts advised that he did not know where Matusow would have obtained the money to pay for such an apartment but assumed that he probably obtained it from Mrs. Bentley.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES J. KELLY  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO CHIEF CLERK:

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

BUREAU

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UNSUBS, HARVEY MATUSOW, SUBORNATION OF PERJURY, PERJURY, OJ.  
ELIZABETH BENTLEY IN TELEPHONE CALL TO NYO THIS FEBRUARY TWENTY  
FOUR ADVISED THAT RECORDS IN HER POSSESSION LAFAYETTE, LA.  
INDICATE SHE WAS IN NYC FROM APPROXIMATELY NINE TWENTY ONE FIFTY  
TWO TO TEN FOUR FIFTY TWO. HAS RECOLLECTION OF LUNCHEON DATE  
SOMETIME DURING THIS PERIOD WITH MATUSOW AND MRS. J. B. MATTHEWS,  
BUT CANNOT RECALL HAVING HAD LUNCHEON OR DINNER WITH MATUSOW  
ALONE. NYO HAS KNOWLEDGE THAT DURING BENTLEY'S STAY IN THIS  
TERRITORY SHE USUALLY RESIDED AT PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL AND ALSO  
DURING THIS APPROXIMATELY PERIOD OF TIME SHE WAS RECEIVING  
TREATMENT FROM DR. SAMUEL GROOPMAN, NYC. CHECK WILL BE MADE  
WITH HOTEL AND DR. GROOPMAN TO DETERMINE IF EXACT DATES HER  
PRESENCE NYC CAN BE DETERMINED THROUGH THESE SOURCES.

KELLY

NYO:

JTH:fjm(#7)

100-94014

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(ELIZABETH BENTLEY)

1 - ASAC MOORE

1 - W. T. MARCHESSAULT

1 - J. T. NEAGLE

134-182-58

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

DATE: 2/25/55

FROM : SA LESTER O. GALLAHER (134-182)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

At 6:35 p.m. on 2/24/55, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY called the writer's home from her residence, believed to be in Lafayette, Louisiana. She was advised at that time that the writer was not home and she said she would call again in approximately an hour.

At 8:15 p.m. she again called the writer at home and stated she is considerably worried about the allegations made by HARVEY MATUSOW concerning her. She stated she had been contacted by the press on several occasions and that this too was causing her considerable concern. She advised that she wanted to know if the NYO has a record of her whereabouts on 10/3/52, this being the date on which MATUSOW claims to have had dinner with her. She said she believed from various bills and records which she maintains that she had stayed in NYC from 9/21/52 (on which date she was brought from her home in Madison, Conn. by SA FRANCIS ZANGLE and the writer) until about the afternoon of 10/4/52, when she believes she returned to Conn. for a hearing in connection with a hit and run charge which had been made against her.

She bases the reason for her belief that she returned to Connecticut on 10/4/52 upon a bill from her attorney, THOMAS DODD, for legal services rendered on that date.

During the course of the conversation she was asked if she had ever had dinner alone with MATUSOW, and she replied that she positively has no recollection of ever being alone with MATUSOW, although she had seen him at several parties attended by herself and other anti-Communists at which parties quite a number of other people were present. She stated she never had any serious discussion with MATUSOW to the best of her recollection.

During this conversation Miss BENTLEY seemed to be quite upset and somewhat inclined to magnify her troubles. She said she was afraid this might jeopardize her job at the College of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, La., in which she is quite contented. She stated several times that if information furnished

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to the Bureau by her was discredited, that this would cause the Bureau considerable difficulty as well as herself. She expressed considerable admiration for the Director and stated she did not want there to be any difficulties concerning this matter.

She was advised by the writer that after consultation with supervisory personnel of the NYO and at the Bureau it would be determined whether or not she could be furnished with information concerning her whereabouts on 10/3/52.

In this connection she stated that undoubtedly the records of the Prince George Hotel, at which she was staying during the time she was in New York, and the records of Dr. SAMUEL GROOPMAN, her personal physician, would show whether or not she was in New York on 10/3/52.

SAC, New York

2/25/55

JOHN B. MEADE, SA (100-94014)

UNSUBS;  
HARVEY MATUSOW  
SUBORNATION OF PERJURY;  
PERJURY; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

On 2/24/55, Mr. V.E. RIVES, Executive Assistant Manager of the Prince George Hotel, 28th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City, advised that all past registration cards were maintained in the auditor's room, which would not be opened until 9:00 am on 2/25/55. At that time, he advised, either himself or Mr. GRECCO, the Auditor, would be happy to help any agent regarding this matter.

On 2/25/55, the registration cards for the year 1952 were examined by SA JOHN B. MEADE, and it was ascertained there were two old registration cards for ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY. The first card, bearing number 23263, signed by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY of Madison, Conn., indicated this individual arrived at the hotel on 3/6/52, at 6:00 pm, and departed on 3/8/52, at 4:58 pm. During this period she occupied Room 913. The following schedule of arrivals and departures for Miss BENTLEY was indicated on the back of this card:

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Number of Guests</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Reservations</u>
3-20	3-21	634	\$5.50	1	JM	000X
4-13	4-15	1229	5.00	1	A	000X
4-19	4-20	1213	5.00	1	P	
4-28	4-28	1113	5.00	1	P	000X
4-29	4-30	1112	5.00	1	JM	000X
5-1	5-2	1115	5.00	1	P	
5-4	5-14	1109	5.00	1	A	X

- 1 - Supervisor James G. Neagle
- 1 - Supervisor Warren T. Marchessault
- 1 - ASAC Donald E. Moore
- ① - (ELIZABETH BENTLEY) (Confidential Source)  
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<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Number of Guests</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Reservations</u>
5-21	5-23	812	\$4.75	1	JM	OOX
6-12	6-13	1106	5.00	1	A	X
5-29	5-30	1111	5.00	1	A	X
6-4	6-5	909	4.75	1	OJR	OO

The second card signed by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY of Madison, Conn. under registration number 21474 indicates she arrived at the hotel on 7/9/52, at 8:41 pm, and departed the hotel on 7/10/52, at 12:01 pm. At this time she occupied Room 1107. The following schedule of arrivals and departures by this person was indicated on the back of card number two:

9-10	9-11	1207	\$5.00	1	Ly	OOX
9-21	9-27	604	"	"	A	
9-30	10-6	409	"	"	JM	OO
10-10	10-12	409	"	"	LMC	
11-15	11-17	1217	"	"	"	
12-3	12-5	607	"	"	PJR	OOX
12-8	12-9	515	"	"	MC	

The registration cards for the year 1953 were examined by SA JOHN B. MEADE, and no cards were located for Miss BENTLEY during the year 1953.

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*the last mgr of hotel who furnished the cards*

<sup>V.E.</sup> Mr. RIVES explained that the hotel's accounting system is such that in the case of a regular customer numerous cards are not maintained each time the customer registers; instead, on the back of a certain number of cards the numerous arrival and departure dates of regular guests are indicated and the individual registration cards are destroyed. It was explained that all of the dates listed on the back of the above two cards pertain to the year 1952.

C O P Y

NEW YORK, 3/1/55

BUREAU  
NEW ORLEANS. . . URGENT

UNSUBS; HARVEY MATUSOW, SUBORNATION OF PERJURY, PERJURY, OJ.  
LLEWELYN WATTS, THIRD, WAS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. WATTS STATED  
THAT HE RECALLS THAT ONE DAY IN THE EARLY FALL OF NINETEEN  
FIFTYTWO MATUSOW TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD THAT DAY MET ELIZABETH  
BENTLEY AND THAT HE HAD A DATE FOR THAT EVENING WITH HER FOR  
COCKTAILS AND DINNER. WATTS STATED THAT HE CANNOT RECALL THE  
DAY BUT BELIEVES IT WAS ON A FRIDAY AND COULD POSSIBLY HAVE  
BEEN OCT. TWO NINETEEN FIFTYTWO AS MATUSOW HAS STATED. WATTS  
STATED THAT LATER THAT EVENING MATUSOW AND ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
CAME TOGETHER TO THE ROCHAMBEAU RESTAURANT, SEVENTYEIGHT WEST  
ELEVENTH STREET, NYC. WATTS STATED THAT HE RECALLS THAT BENTLEY  
AND MATUSOW ARRIVED AT THE RESTAURANT AT APPROXIMATELY NINE PM  
AND STAYED IN THE RESTAURANT FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE TO TWO HOURS.  
WATTS STATED THAT HE DOES NOT RECALL EITHER BENTLEY OR MATUSOW  
HAVING DINNER AT THE RESTAURANT. HE STATED THAT THE RESTAURANT  
HAS TWO ENTRANCES AND THAT MATUSOW AND BENTLEY HAD ENTERED THE  
BAR ENTRANCE AND HAD TAKEN A SMALL TABLE IN THE BAR SECTION OF  
THE RESTAURANT. WATTS STATED THAT DIRECTLY AFTER MATUSOW AND  
BENTLEY ENTERED, MATUSOW BECKONED FOR WATTS TO JOIN THEM, WHICH

Q - NY 134-1821 MOORE

- 1 - SUPERVISOR W. T. MARCHESSAULT
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HE DID. HE SAID HE HAD AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH HIM BUT HE CANNOT RECALL HER NAME. WATTS SAID HE REMAINED AT THE TABLE WITH MATUSOW AND BENTLEY FOR THE REST OF THE TIME THEY WERE IN THE RESTAURANT. WATTS SAID THAT HE DOES NOT RECALL THAT MATUSOW INTRODUCED HIM BUT THAT HE HIMSELF INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO MISS BENTLEY. HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED HER FROM PICTURES IN NEWSPAPERS. THERE IS NO QUESTION IN HIS MIND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS ELIZABETH BENTLEY. WATTS STATED THAT AT NO TIME DURING THE EVENING DID MISS BENTLEY SHOW ANY EVIDENCE OF TEARS OR DEPRESSION. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF FALSE TESTIMONY BY MISS BENTLEY THAT WATTS CAN RECALL. HE STATED THAT HE DOES RECALL THAT HE AND MISS BENTLEY HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE UNCOMMON NAMES OF MIDWEST TOWNS. HE STATED THAT HE RECALLS THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT MISS BENTLEY WAS EITHER WORKING IN OR HAD COME FROM THE MIDWEST. HE STATED THAT HE RECALLS ONE TOWN IN PARTICULAR WHICH THEY DISCUSSED WAS QUOTE DIAGONAL IOWA UNQUOTE. WATTS SAID THAT HE RECALLS THAT THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAME TO THE TABLE THAT EVENING WAS A FRIEND OF HIS, EARL HENRY, WHO WAS ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH MATUSOW. WATTS STATED THAT HE DOES NOT RECALL ALL THE CONVERSATION WHICH TOOK PLACE THAT EVENING BUT HE DOES REMEMBER THAT HE AND HENRY ATTEMPTED TO GET MISS BENTLEY TO DISCUSS HER CP ACTIVITIES BUT THAT THEY HAD A VERY DIFFICULT TIME BECAUSE MATUSOW WAS CONTINUOUSLY

INTERRUPTING TO TELL ABOUT HIS. WATTS STATED THAT MISS BENTLEY IMPRESSED HIM AS A CHARMING WOMAN WITH A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR. NEW ORLEANS IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW BENTLEY RE HER RECOLLECTION OF THIS OCCASION. NY WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW EARL HENRY. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

KELLY

NEW YORK, NY, 3/1/55

BUREAU....URGENT

HARVEY MATUSOW, SUBORNATION OF PERJURY, PERJURY, OJ. REBUTEL  
TO NEWARK AND NY, FEBRUARY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST. V.E. RIVES,  
PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL, ADVISED HOTEL PHONE RECORDS MAINTAINED  
FOR ONE YEAR PERIOD ONLY. RIVES STATED ALL RECORDS OF PHONE  
CALLS ON OCTOBER THREE, FIFTYTWO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

KELLY

*See - 134-182 (Eliz. Bentley)*

- 1 - ASAC D. E. MOORE
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290 Broadway  
New York 7, New York

March 1, 1955

Honorable J. Edward Lumbard  
United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York  
United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, New York

Re: Harvey Matusow

My dear Mr. Lumbard:

Llewellyn Watts, III, was interviewed on March 1, 1955 by Special Agents Edward W. Buckley and Thomas A. Powers. Watts stated that he recalls that one day in the early fall of 1952 Matusow told him that he had that day met Elisabeth Bentley and that he had a date for that evening with her for cocktails and dinner. Watts stated that he cannot recall the exact day but believes it was on a Friday and could possibly have been October 2, 1952, as Matusow has stated.

Watts advised that he was in the Rochambeau Restaurant, 78 West 11th Street, New York, New York, that same night and he observed that Harvey Matusow and Miss Bentley entered the restaurant at approximately nine o'clock. He stated that they remained in the restaurant for a period of between one to two hours. He advised that the restaurant has two entrances and that Matusow and Miss Bentley had entered the bar entrance and had taken a small table in the bar section of the restaurant.

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Watts stated that directly after Matusow and Bentley entered, Matusow beckoned for Watts to join them, which he did. Watts advised that he had an acquaintance with him but that he cannot recall her name. Watts said that he remained at the table with Matusow and Bentley for the rest of the time that they were in the restaurant. He said that he does not recall that either Bentley or Matusow had dinner at the restaurant. He stated that to the best of his recollection they had a couple of drinks.

Watts said that he does not recall that Matusow introduced him but that he himself introduced himself to Miss Bentley. He said he had recognized her from pictures in newspapers and there was no question in his mind that the individual was Elizabeth Bentley. He stated that at no time during the evening did Miss Bentley show any evidence of tears or being depressed. Neither does he recall that there was any discussion concerning false testimony having been given by Miss Bentley. He recalls that he and Miss Bentley had a discussion concerning certain Midwest towns that had uncommon names. He stated that he recalls one town in particular which they discussed was "Diagonal, Iowa."

Watts said that he recalls that the only person other than himself and his acquaintance who came to the table that evening was another friend of his, Earl Henry, who, according to Watts, also was acquainted with Matusow. Watts stated that he does not recall all of the conversation which took place that evening but he does remember that he and Henry, for their own information, attempted to get Miss Bentley to discuss her Communist Party activities but they had a very difficult time because Matusow was continually interrupting them to tell about his own activities. Watts made the statement that Miss Bentley impressed him as a charming woman with a good sense of humor.

Watts also stated that in early January 1953 Matusow told him that he was going to take a trip to the Virgin Islands to act as a bodyguard for Mrs. Arvilla

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March 2, 1955

Honorable J. Edward Lombard  
United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York  
U. S. Court House  
Poley Square  
New York 7, New York

Re: Harvey Matusow

My dear Mr. Lombard:

Earl Henry, 56 West 11th Street, New York City, was interviewed on March 2, 1955 by Special Agent Thomas A. Powers.

Henry stated that he met Matusow in the Spring of 1952 at a political rally in New York City. He stated that he later saw Matusow off and on but only in a social way. He stated that he did not believe that he was ever alone with Matusow and that Matusow had never really confided in him. Henry stated that he had no information concerning the book written by Matusow entitled, "False Witness." Neither had he ever heard Matusow state that he had testified falsely.

Henry stated that he recalls seeing Matusow and a lady, later identified as Elizabeth Bentley, in the Rochambeau Restaurant, 78 West 11th Street, New York City, on one occasion. Henry stated that he could not fix the date other than to say that it was some time after he had originally met Matusow.

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Henry stated that he recalls going to the Rochambeau Restaurant one evening at approximately 9:00 to 9:30 PM and upon entering, observed Harvey Matusow, Lou Watts and a woman sitting at a table in the bar section of the restaurant. Henry stated that as near as he can recall, there were only three at the table. He stated that he was invited by either Matusow or Watts to join them and he did.

He recalls that when Matusow introduced him to the lady, he used a fictitious name for her, but that almost immediately Matusow corrected himself and introduced the lady as Elizabeth Bentley. He stated that he recalls that Matusow appeared to get pleasure from having played this joke upon him. Henry stated that he has no reason to believe that this individual was not Elizabeth Bentley.

Henry stated that he remained at the table for approximately 15 minutes to half an hour, at which time he left the restaurant. He stated that he does not recall that Miss Bentley was in tears or that she appeared to be depressed. He stated that the only thing he could recall concerning the conversation while he was at the table was that Miss Bentley did not have a chance to say very much because Matusow monopolized the conversation.

Henry stated that he recalls seeing Matusow at a party in Lou Watts' apartment at 141 West 10th Street, on an unknown date, which he believed was in 1954. He stated that he recalled that Matusow announced that he was now known as Harvey Marshall and that he was through with Communism, McCarthy, the Jenner Committee, and other similar things. Henry stated that Matusow did not give any reason for this change. Henry advised that this was all the information he could recall concerning Matusow.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES J. KELLY  
Special Agent in Charge

NEW YORK, NY, 3/2/55

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UNSUBS, HARVEY MATUSOW; SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY; OJ.  
EARL HENRY, FIFTY SIX W. ELEVENTH ST., NYC, INTERVIEWED THIS  
DATE. HENRY STATES THAT HE MET MATUSOW IN SPRING OF NINETEEN  
FIFTY TWO AT A POLITICAL RALLY IN NYC. HENRY STATED HE SAW  
MATUSOW OFF AND ON AFTER THAT TIME BUT ONLY IN A SOCIAL WAY.  
HE STATED THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BOOK,  
QUOTE FALSE WITNESS END OF QUOTE AND THAT MATUSOW HAD NEVER  
INDICATED TO HIM THAT HE HAD EVER TESTIFIED FALSELY. HENRY  
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IT WAS SOME TIME AFTER HE HAD ORIGINALLY MET MATUSOW. HE  
STATED THAT HE RECALLS THAT ON THIS OCCASION HE WENT TO THE

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THE CONVERSATION. HENRY STATED THAT HE RECALLS SEEING MATUSOW ON AN UNKNOWN DATE IN NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR, AT WHICH TIME MATUSOW STATED THAT HE WAS THROUGH WITH COMMUNISM, MC CARTHY AND THE JENNER COMMITTEE, ETC. HENRY STATED THAT MATUSOW DID NOT GIVE ANY REASON FOR THIS ACTION. FURNISHED TO NEW ORLEANS FOR INFO.

KELLY

Director, FBI (100-375988)

3/24/55

SAC, New York (100-94014)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARVEY MARSHAL MATUSOW  
SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Rebulet, 3/15/55.

This office has carefully reviewed all of the investigation conducted concerning the BENTLEY phase of this matter and the following is being set forth for the Bureau's consideration:

An analysis of MATUSOW'S testimony concerning ELIZABETH BENTLEY before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee, 2/21,22/55, reflects that MATUSOW testified "Miss Bentley, I believe, gave false testimony." He also testified that BENTLEY, "in substance" had told him that she had lied. Further, the transcript of the testimony on that date, reflects that MATUSOW again testified to information furnished by BENTLEY "in substance" indicating that he could not directly quote BENTLEY but could tell what she said "in substance."

It is to be further noted that during MATUSOW'S testimony concerning his dinner engagement with BENTLEY at the Rochambeau Restaurant, "A number of my friends came in during the course of the conversation, at which time Miss Bentley stopped crying, and we went on to other matters; and when they had left the table she went back to crying."

It will be recalled that LLEWELLYN GATTS, DORIS HIBBARD and EARL HENRY have been identified as the persons who appeared for a portion of the time at the table with MATUSOW and BENTLEY at the Rochambeau Restaurant. All three of these individuals have been thoroughly interviewed concerning their recollection of this incident. All three individuals have no recollection of any statements by BENTLEY indicating that she had lied in giving testimony or that she had to find information to testify about.

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In view of current Bureau instructions, no effort is being made by this office to obtain signed statements from the above individuals inasmuch as any prosecutive action against MATUSOW concerning this incident would take place in the District of Columbia.

In accordance with instructions set out in rebulet DEVIN GARRITY, President, and THOMAS O'CONOR SLOANE, III, Editor, Devin-Adair Publishing Company, 23 East 26th Street, NYC, were interviewed on 3/17/55. Mr. GARRITY, upon hearing that the topic in question was HARVEY MATUSOW, immediately stated that he had recently received an inquiry from ELIZABETH BENTLEY in which she asked if anyone at that firm could recall her meeting with HARVEY MATUSOW in the company offices on 10/3/52. GARRITY said that he had informed Miss BENTLEY he could not personally recall such a meeting and added he also asked the other staff members of the company if they could recall such a meeting. He stated that the other staff members advised him that they could not recall this meeting but neither could they deny that such a meeting could have taken place.

GARRITY explained that during October, 1952 BENTLEY resided at the Prince George Hotel located across the street from the offices of the Devin-Adair Publishing Company. (It is to be noted that this is in agreement with MATUSOW'S testimony of 2/22/55). GARRITY stated that it was not unusual to see BENTLEY in the company offices three or four times a week. He further stated that during that period of time BENTLEY was frequently distraught and despondent and would often come to the Devin-Adair offices during her "blue" periods. Mr. GARRITY stated that Miss BENTLEY had been out of work for some time during this period in 1952 and that the Devin-Adair Company would occasionally advance her funds to tide her over the rough spots even though she had ceased drawing royalties from the publication of her book.

Mr. GARRITY further stated that, although Miss BENTLEY was despondent and distraught, she never indicated



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any waivering in her decision to cooperate with the US Government. GARRITY said he was sure she had never indicated she had ever given any false testimony.

GARRITY further stated that around October, 1952 MATUSOW was attempting to interest the Devin-Adair Publishing Company in publishing a book, the tentative title of which was "The Reds Rock The Cradle." He stated MATUSOW claimed he could obtain thousands of orders for such a book by circulating order cards for this book while he traveled across the country on a nation-wide lecture tour starting in October, 1952. GARRITY stated that inasmuch as MATUSOW visited the company offices several times during the period around October, 1952, he may well have met Miss BENTLEY at the office, although GARRITY stated that he could not personally confirm or deny such a meeting on any specific date.

Mr. THOMAS SLOANE advised that he could not personally confirm or deny such a meeting between MATUSOW and BENTLEY on 10/3/52 or any other date. SLOANE reiterated that BENTLEY frequently visited the company offices during that period of time. He stated she was often despondent but indicated no waivering in her decision to fight Communism.

SLOANE advised that MATUSOW visited the company offices around the latter part of September or early part of October, 1952 and attempted to interest him in publishing a book to be called "The Reds Rock The Cradle." SLOANE stated MATUSOW had no manuscript, outline, or notes for this book but rather described to him in general terms the purpose and subject matter of the book if and when he finally decided to write it.

SLOANE stated MATUSOW described his experiences in connection with the big NYC school strike. SLOANE stated that MATUSOW attempted to describe how the CP

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organized the strike and initiated the actual riots. SLOANE stated that MATUSOW indicated that he had personally played a major part in organizing the strike. SLOANE further stated that he advised MATUSOW that he doubted that the book, if published, would sell very many copies whereupon MATUSOW said he could obtain thousands of orders for such a book and suggested that a supply of order cards be prepared which he, MATUSOW, could circulate on his nation-wide lecture tour. SLOANE stated he thereupon had 1,500 3X5 white order cards made up for MATUSOW on 10/1/52. The cards solicited orders for the above book authored by MATUSOW. The card indicated that the book could be had at a special pre-publication price of \$2.75 instead of retail price which was \$3.50, and would be personally autographed by MATUSOW. SLOANE exhibited a sample of this card to the interviewing agent.

SLOANE stated that only a few order cards were ever sent to the company and these were later destroyed. He stated the book was never written and the company had no manuscript, outline, or notes relating to such a book.

Mr. SLOANE also caused a check of the company's bookkeeping ledger to be made in the presence of the interviewing agent which ledger showed no record of any payment to BENTLEY or MATUSOW for September or October, 1952.

It is to be noted that Mrs. JAMES SHEAN, Great Notch, New Jersey, has advised that MATUSOW sought a date with her one week prior to 10/3/52, the date being for the night of 10/3/52 for dinner and to "do the town." Mrs. SHEAN further advised that between 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM on 10/3/52 MATUSOW telephoned Mrs. SHEAN at which time she told him the date was off.

It is to be further noted that in MATUSOW'S testimony on 2/22/55 he stated that he met BENTLEY at

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the office of Devin-Adair in the afternoon and they made a date to have dinner that night.

The importance of this entire matter is, of course, readily apparent to this office and it is recognized that MATUSOW'S allegations are a serious attack on the Government's whole security program. Further, it is also recognized that in attacking ELIZABETH BENTLEY, MATUSOW has selected a person whose reliability has never seriously been challenged. In this connection, however, this office desires to point out to the Bureau that any airing of that period of BENTLEY'S life during October, 1952 would perhaps cause more serious embarrassment to the Bureau.

In this connection, the Bureau's attention is again directed to New York letter to Director dated 9/26/52 captioned "GREGORY; ESPIONAGE - R." This letter contains a comprehensive resume of incidents in BENTLEY'S life and concerning her deportment and mental state of mind during this particularly pertinent period of time.

The letter reflects that BENTLEY was heavily in debt; that she was apparently drinking excessively; was having an emotional reaction due to shock from an automobile accident, and she was in a highly nervous state. It is also to be pointed out that during this period of time BENTLEY was undergoing treatment from Dr. SAMUEL GROOPMAN.

During this pertinent period, upon contact by agents of this office, BENTLEY appeared somewhat hysterical, wept occasionally during conversation, and expressed herself incoherently when trying to relate circumstances of accidents in which she was involved.

It is also to be pointed out that shortly before 10/3/52 Miss BENTLEY engaged in a "sit-down strike" in the United States Attorney's office refusing to leave

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until she could be guaranteed that a personal problem involving transportation from her home near Madison, Connecticut, to the stores in Madison could be solved by the Bureau and/or the Department of Justice. This took place in the office of SAAG ROY COEN on 9/26/52.

In view of the statements of WATTS, HIBBARD and HENRY, coupled with the testimony of MATUSOW on 2/22/55, it does not appear that any of these persons could be utilized as witnesses to disprove MATUSOW'S testimony as to what occurred during the entire course of his dinner with BENTLEY. It is therefore suggested that no further inquiry be made in this matter.

# BENTLEY CONFESSED TO ME, SAYS MATUSOV

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By ABNER W. BERRY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.

—Harvey Matusow testified under oath today that Elizabeth Bentley, Government Ringpin Informer, once weepingly told him she was broke and had to keep finding things to testify about. The description of the crying unemployed Informer who had helped initiate the witchhunting wave which Senator Joseph R. McCarthy and others have

Elizabeth Bentley, Government Ringpin Informer, once weepingly told him she was broke and had to keep finding things to testify about. The description of the crying unemployed Informer who had helped initiate the witchhunting wave which Senator Joseph R. McCarthy and others have

ridden so successfully, came in the course of a hearing before the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, headed by Sen. James O. Eastland. The hearing has the purpose of salvaging the stoolpigeon system from the disrepute Matusow has exposed it to through his recantations as a witness before courts and legislative committees.

Matusow, now in his second day of hammering by committee members and counsel Jay C. Sourvine, said he spent two hours with Miss Bentley on Oct. 3, 1952, in the Rochambeau Restaurant in lower Sixth Avenue in New York City. During the time they were together, Matusow told the committee, "she cried quite a bit" and said she "had used all the money from her book." Miss Bentley told Matusow, according to his testimony today, that she wanted "a job as a teacher," and complained bitterly about not being paid by the committees before which she testified.

#### WITNESSES NAMED

The story about Miss Bentley came when both Sen. Eastland and Sourvine pressed Matusow to document his statement yesterday to the effect that he believed Miss Bentley gave lying testimony under oath. Matusow said there were witnesses to his meeting with Miss Bentley, and named Lewellen Watts, one of his former roommates, as being one of those in the restaurant with him and Miss Bentley. Later when questioned about Watts, he said his former roommate might not be "happy about what I am doing now." He described Watts as a leader of the New York Young Republican Club.

Matusow also testified that Sourvine gave him "a wiretap of a meeting that took place in a New York Hotel . . . of Communist and pro-Communist union leaders." The purpose of the wiretap, Matusow said, was to connect West Coast candidates for Congress with the Communist Party by showing they had received campaign aid from some of the union leaders identified on the wiretap.

When the committee could not get material favorable to the witch-hunt from Matusow, it switched to fishing for names, trying hard to get the witness to aid it against what Eastland called "the Communist conspiracy." In an angry outburst against such tactics, Matusow objected loudly to a committee member lauding McCarthyites.

Sen. John L. McClelland (D-Ark) began a line of questioning

of Matusow which began with quiet, deliberate tones and ended in a loud and angry exchange. The Arkansas Senator wanted to know whether Matusow attended church regularly and was "trying to make some major restitution." Matusow answered in the affirmative, explaining that he had not been regularly in attendance at church in recent weeks. McClelland then wanted to know whether the witness was aware of the crimes he had committed, did he "have a conscience," and was he ready to pay the legally "required debt."

Matusow's answer was: "It depends upon the size of the indictment . . . if the government seeks to use me as a scapegoat and leaves alone . . . Mr. Budenz, Manning Johnson and the others, then I am not willing. . . . If they all are willing to pay their debts then I'd willingly join them in a federal prison."

SAC, New Orleans (134-89)

March 21, 1955

Director, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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L.O. GALLAGHER



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-28-55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/3, 19/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN B. HONEYCUTT eah</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARVEY MARSHALL MATUSOW, was. Harvey Marshall, Harvey Matson</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY reinterviewed and advised that she cannot recall a conversation with LLEWELYN WATTS wherein the uncommon names of midwest towns were discussed. She was unable to identify a photo of WATTS. BENTLEY unable to identify photos of EARL HENRY and DORIS HIBBARD. BENTLEY unable to identify photos of interior of Rochambeau Restaurant, NY, but recalled the location from photos of exterior. She advised that when in NY overnight she usually resided at the Prince George Hotel.  - P -  DETAILS: <u>AT LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA</u>  On March 3, 1955, Miss ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, a former self-confessed Soviet Courier, was interviewed at Lafayette, Louisiana, and she advised that she cannot recall any conversation she had with LLEWELYN WATTS wherein the uncommon names of midwest towns were discussed. She advised that she does not recall having a conversation with WATTS wherein they discussed the name of "Diagonal", Iowa. Miss BENTLEY advised that in fact she had never heard of "Diagonal", Iowa, before the writer discussed the name of the town with her.  <i>See's in 100-94014</i> <b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>			
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On March 19, 1955, Miss BENTLEY was reinterviewed and a photograph of LLEWELYN WATTS was exhibited to her and she advised that she did not recognize the photograph of this individual as being a person whom she had ever seen. She added that she still cannot recall having seen WATTS in the Rochambeau Restaurant in New York City on any occasions.

On March 19, 1955, the photographs of EARL HENRY and DORIS HIBBARD were exhibited to her and she advised that she did not recognize the photograph of these individuals as anyone she has ever known or seen. She added that she does not recall having seen these people on any occasion and particularly on the occasion when she is alleged to have been with MATUSOW at the Rochambeau Restaurant in New York City on October 3, 1952. On this same date, the photographs of the interior of the Rochambeau Restaurant were exhibited to her and she stated that she did not recognize this establishment from the photographs of the interior, adding that it had certain characteristics, such as the chandelier and lighting fixtures, which resembled a number of other restaurants she has visited in the New York area.

After observing the photographs of the exterior of the Rochambeau Restaurant, Miss BENTLEY stated that she recognized the place, but cannot recall specifically having had dinner or had drinks in this establishment. She added that on numerous occasions she has had dinner at Charles' French Restaurant which is just down the street from the Rochambeau, but cannot specifically recall having ever been inside of the Rochambeau. She added that in all probability she has on occasions had cocktails and possibly eaten at the Rochambeau, but she cannot recall any specific incident.

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Miss BENTLEY related that when in New York overnight she usually resided at the Prince George Hotel and added that on October 10, 1952, she stopped at the hotel for a couple of nights recalling this incident because she stated she was on her way to Florida to fill some speaking engagements. She states that she recalls being at the hotel on November 15, 1952, relating that that was the date she went to New York to make a speech for a communion breakfast for the Ladies of Charity which meeting was held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she also recalls having dinner at the J. B. Matthews Home on one occasion wherein a foreign journalist was present, however, she stated that she could not recall the name of this individual or where he originated. She states that she cannot recall having seen MATUSOW at this gathering.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The report of SA JAMES M. BROWNE dated March 9, 1955, at New York, reflects that Miss BENTLEY was a guest at the Prince George Hotel from September 30 to October 6, 1952. Referenced report also indicates that BENTLEY was treated by her physician, Doctor SAMUEL GROUPEMAR, on October 7, 1952. Miss BENTLEY states that she believes this date is incorrect since she does not believe that she would have checked out of her hotel room on October 6 and would have been in New York on October 7 for the purpose of treatment by her physician.

REFERENCE: New York teletype to New Orleans dated March 1, 1955.

Report of SA JAMES M. BROWNE dated March 9, 1955, at New York.

# Senators, Meet Matusow's 4 Former Associates!

By MAX GORDON

In his testimony before the Senate Internal Security Committee last week, Harvey Matusow named four other government informers as falsifiers. He charged that Elizabeth Bentley had told him she was broke and "had to keep finding things to testify about." He would be glad to take his punishment for lying for the government in various trials, hearings and congressional sessions—he said—if other stoolpigeons would get similar punishment for similar crimes. He specifically named Louis Budenz, Paul Crouch and Manning Johnson.

As was to be expected, some members of the Senate Committee, whose job is supposed to be to find the truth, rose in their wrath and charged Matusow with being the instrument of a "Communist conspiracy" to discredit stoolpigeonry.

As it happens, in the case of each of these mentioned by Matusow, the curtain of their falsehood has been officially lifted, if only slightly, so that even the suspicious members of the Senate Committee would have trouble dismissing Matusow's claim if they were compelled to conduct an actual investigation.

For Budenz, Johnson and Crouch, the record shows that, on occasion, government agencies or juries were compelled to reject their testimony as worthless. In the case of Bentley, her stories were often so childish and full of holes that the Department of Justice did not dare institute prejury suits against her victims who denied her charges under oath.

We can only cite here one or two examples of such cases for each of the stoolies who, according to Sen. Arthur Watkins (R-Utah) of the Senate Committee are being so shamelessly slandered by Matusow.



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## LOUIS BUDENZ

Late in 1952, Budenz testified before a Civil Service Review Board that he knew John Carter Vincent, a career diplomat under fire, to have been a Communist Party member. Two members of the five-man board voted to clear Vincent on the grounds that "no evidence had been produced which led them to have a doubt as to Mr. Vincent's loyalty," to quote from a summary by then Secretary of State Acheson. This was the verdict of these two members of the Board on Budenz' veracity.

The other three voted to dismiss Vincent because of "reasonable doubt" of his "loyalty." But even these three were chary of Budenz' testimony. Their report specifically declared they were not accepting it, but simply "taking it into account."

Acheson found this impossible

*Elizabeth Bentley*

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to understand. He reversed the majority decision, sided with the minority. Thus did he cast his vote on Budenz' ability to tell the truth. Acheson asked President Truman to set up another commission to review the evidence. Truman did, with former Federal Appeals Court Justice Learned Hand as chairman.

This Commission after reviewing the record, including Budenz' blunt statement that Vincent had been a Communist, completely cleared Vincent of "disloyalty" charges. John Foster Dulles, by then Secretary of State, likewise gave Vincent a clean bill of health, as far as "loyalty" is concerned, but asked him to resign "honorably."

In Truman-Acheson - Dulles-Hand terms, Communists are automatically "disloyal."

Thus, these servants of the very government which employs Budenz as an "expert" witness, rejected Budenz' testimony as worthless.

Earlier, Budenz had testified that he knew both Vincent and Owen Lattimore as Communists. A year before that, he had denied knowing anything about Vincent.

His testimony on both created such an uproar that Sen. Herbert Lehman (D-NY) assailed him on the floor and asked for a Senate investigation. It never came off. The record shows that there can be no doubt as to what an honest investigation would reveal about Budenz' tales.

#### MANNING JOHNSON

> Last May, Dr. Ralph Bunche, then a leading member of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations and now an assistant secretary of the UN was questioned for 12 straight hours by a Loyalty Board. The lengthy quiz was provoked by Johnson and another stoolie, Leonard Patterson that they had known Bunche as a Communist Party member. The quiz resulted in clearance for Bunche.

Obviously, that Board had formed its own view of Johnson's ability to tell the truth.

At the state sedition trial of Steve Nelson and other leading Pittsburgh Communists, Johnson declared under cross-examination that "I have lied, and I'll lie again a thousand times" if need be.

Satisfied, Sen Watkins?

#### ELIZABETH BENTLEY

Among the people Miss Bentley mentioned, under oath, as being Communists or having given her "espionage" information were Duncan Lee, aide to General Donovan of OSS; Robert T. Miller III of the office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs; Bela and Sonia Gold; Frank Coe; Lauchlin Currie, Administrative Assistant to Pres. Roosevelt; William H. Taylor. Each of these declared bluntly under oath that she was lying about them, some in her presence. None was ever prosecuted for perjury, even though members of the Senate Internal Security Commit-

tee, before which they appeared, made the point that someone was lying. They didn't care to pursue the matter further.

In his book, "Fear, the Accuser," Dan Gillmor notes the many, obviously absurd, contradictions in Bentley's tales concerning the so-called Harry Dexter White spy ring. No committee would care to champion her veracity in a court of law. Neither would the Justice Department.

#### PAUL CROUCH

Whew! The record is long and plentiful on this one. But we'll simply report on one or two specific judgments passed by official bodies.

In 1949, Crouch wrote a series of articles for the Hearst press. He named as Communists, among others, M. L. Edwards, then president of the Miami Airlines Local 500 of the Transport Workers Union, and Armand Scala, an officer of the union.

Scala sued the Hearst press for libel. The trial was held in 1953, with Crouch as the main Hearst witness. The jury indicated its views of Crouch's testimony by awarding Scala damages for being libelled by Crouch.

Take the case of Dr. Joseph Weinberg, scientist. Dr. Weinberg had been charged by Crouch with having met Dr. Robert Oppenheimer and Steve Nelson, Communist leader, supposedly for purposes of spying. Dr. Weinberg denied the charges. The government did not dare use Crouch as a witness, despite the fact he was chief fingerman against the scientist. Dr. Weinberg was acquitted.

And so, the record shows that the Senate Internal Security Committee did not have to rely on Matusow's word alone to determine the worthlessness of the testimony of the informers Matusow mentioned.

# Harvey Matusow Tells Senators: You Turned Me Into a Stoolpigeon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In a session of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, marked by angry exchanges, Harvey Matusow, a repentant former informer, accused those who stirred up the anti-Communist witchhunt as being responsible "for my role as a (lying) witness."

Committee members were trying for the third day either to get Ma-

tusow trapped into answers forming the basis for a perjury charge or to get his agreement with them to help fight their self-created "conspiracy." Matusow, who admits readily that he has "told tall tales" to legislative committees, refused at every point to aid his questioners, and challenged the committee to investigate the other informers he has accused of lying.

Angered at the hammering of Sen. Price Daniel (D-Tex) as to why he had lied in accusing witnesses of communism and efforts to overthrow the government, Matusow exploded:

"You're the one that responsible for my role as a witness."

Matusow continued over the pounding gavel of Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss) to accuse the Senators who had engaged in witchhunts of creating "an atmosphere of hysteria" in which he sought security by lying about others.

Matusow tilted with Sen. Herman Welker (R-Nev) on the same subject, saying Welker's record and the record of this committee had made it possible for witnesses like Matusow to lie for pay.

Welker pressed for some comfort from Matusow by asking when and where he (Welker) had falsely accused any person.

**"MOST UNSTABLE"**

Committee counsel Jay O. Sourwine asked Matusow whether he considered Elizabeth Bentley "one of the most important anti-Communists, and the answer was, "I regard her as the most unstable."

Matusow then recounted the fact that Miss Bentley was scheduled to testify before the SACB at the same time as he, but that he advised the Department Justice not to use her because of her emotionally unstable condition. And, he asked, why did the Department of Justice insist upon presenting the

testimony of such a witness?

It was at this point that Matusow challenged the committee to investigate the other witnesses he accused of lying.

He was showered with questions at this point by Eastland, Welker, Daniel and Sourwine as to his "personal knowledge" of witnesses' lies.

Matusow answered that he knew Paul Crouch, Manning Johnson and Elizabeth Bentley "well enough to know that they are liars."

Asked whether or not he had found out if Herb Tank who he says accompanies him most of the time and who is writing a play based on the Matusow experiences, was a Communist, Matusow answered: "In my past life, I was very snoopy and nosey, but I'm not now."

How could he associate with people whom he had denounced as Communists and still say he is opposed to totalitarianism, Matusow was asked.

"The Bible teaches me to hate sin but not sinners," he answered.

Sourwine introduced into the record an article from the Nation, the news weekly, of April 10, 1954, titled "The Informers," and all articles appearing in the Daily and Sunday Worker for the past week on Matusow's testimony as proof that "Communists" were using the witness' testimony.

Referring to his own aversion to the name "stoolpigeon," as stated in his forthcoming book, "False Witness," Matusow agreed with Welker that a stoolpigeon is "the lowest type of character."

Matusow declared: "I serve my country much better by exposing the informer racket," in denouncing his former reports to the FBI. Crouch, Bentley, Budenz and Johnson, he said are doing harm to the country and the Constitution and "to everybody in America."

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GEORGE HOTEL REFLECT ELIZABETH BENTLEY REGISTERED THAT HOTEL  
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NINE. OCTOBER TEN TO OCTOBER TWELVE NINETEEN FIFTYTWO, ROOM FOUR  
ZERO NINE. NOVEMBER FIFTEEN TO NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN NINETEEN FIFTYTWO,  
ROOM ONE TWO ONE SEVEN. DECEMBER ~~THIRTEEN~~ TO DECEMBER FIVE  
NINETEEN FIFTYTWO, ROOM SIX ZERO SEVEN. DECEMBER EIGHT AND NINE  
NINETEEN FIFTYTWO, ROOM FIVE ONE FIVE. DR. SAMUEL GROOPMAN, FOUR  
EAST TWENTYEIGHTH STREET, NYC, ADVISED HIS RECORDS REFLECT HE  
TREATED BENTLEY SEPTEMBER NINE NINETEEN FIFTYTWO AND OCTOBER SEVEN  
NINETEEN FIFTYTWO. ABOVE ESTABLISHES BENTLEY'S PRESENCE IN THE NYC  
AREA ON OCTOBER THIRD NINETEEN FIFTYTWO DATE BOTH SHE AND MATUSOW  
HAVE STATED THEY HAD LUNCHEON ENGAGEMENT WITH DR. RUTH MATTHEWS.  
ABOVE RECORDS ALSO ESTABLISH BENTLEY'S PRESENCE IN NYC ON DECEMBER FOUR  
NINETEEN FIFTYTWO DATE DR. MATTHEWS RECALLS THE LUNCHEON TOOK PLACE.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY'S registration cards at Prince George Hotel, New York City, reflecting schedule of her arrivals and departures for year 1952, set out herein. Records indicate BENTLEY was registered at hotel from 9/30/52 until 10/6/52 and again from 12/3/52 until 12/5/52. Dr. J.B. MATTHEWS and wife, RUTH, interviewed and advised MATUSOW and BENTLEY attended luncheon with Mrs. MATTHEWS on 12/4/52 with no one else present. They also advised that BENTLEY and MATUSOW attended a buffet dinner given by them on 11/16/52 with other prominent guests in NYC with no unusual circumstances. LLEWELLYN MATTHEWS interviewed and advised that he saw BENTLEY and MATUSOW at the Rochambeau Restaurant located on E. 11th Street and 6th Avenue in NYC during evening some time around October of 1952. He recalls BENTLEY and MATUSOW arrived approximately 9 P.M. and remained one to two hours. EARL BERRY interviewed and recalls seeing MATUSOW and another individual identified to him as ELIZABETH BENTLEY in Rochambeau Restaurant on one occasion in the evening but could not recall the date, advising it was some time after he had met MATUSOW which was in the Spring of 1952. DORIS HIBBARD interviewed and advises she observed BENTLEY and MATUSOW in Rochambeau Restaurant in the evening in the latter part of 1952.

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DETAILS:

Information Re New York Residences  
of ELIZABETH BENTLEY for the year 1952

On February 25, 1955 the registration cards of the Prince George Hotel located at 28th Street and Madison Avenue New York City, were examined by SA JOHN E. HEIDE and it was ascertained that there were two old registration cards for ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY. The first card bearing number 23263 signed by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY of Madison, Connecticut, indicated this individual arrived at the hotel on March 6, 1952 at 6 P.M. and departed March 8, 1952, at 4:58 P.M. During this period she occupied room 913. The following schedule of arrivals and departures for Miss BENTLEY was indicated on the back of this card.

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Number of</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Reservations</u>
3-20	3-21	634	5.50	1		JH	000X
4-13	4-15	1229	5.00	1		A	000X
4-19	4-20	1213	5.00	1		P	
4-28	4-28	1113	5.00	1		P	000X
4-29	4-30	1112	5.00	1		JH	000X
5-1	5-2	1115	5.00	1		P	
5-4	5-14	1109	5.00	1		A	X
5-21	5-23	812	4.75	1		JH	00X
6-12	6-13	1106	5.00	1		A	X
5-29	5-30	1111	5.00	1		A	X
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The second card signed by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY of Madison, Connecticut under registration number 21474 indicates she arrived at the hotel on July 9, 1952, at 8:41 P.M. and departed the hotel on July 10, 1952, at 12:01 P.M. At this time she occupied Room 1107. The following schedule of arrivals and departures by this person was indicated on the back of card number two:

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Number of Guests</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Reservations</u>
9-10	9-11	1207	\$5.00	1	Ly	OOX
9-21	9-27	604	5.00	1	A	
9-30	10-6	409	5.00	1	JL	OO
10-10	10-12	409	5.00	1	LMC	
11-15	11-17	1217	5.00	1	LMC	
12-3	12-5	607	5.00	1	PJR	OOX
12-8	12-9	515	5.00	1	MC	

The registration cards for the year 1953 were examined by SA JOHN B. MEADE, and no cards were located for Miss BENTLEY during the year 1953.

Mr. V. E. RIVES, Executive Assistant Manager of hotel, who furnished the cards, explained that the hotel's accounting system is such that in the case of a regular customer numerous cards are not maintained each time the customer registers; instead, on the back of a certain number of cards, the numerous arrival and departure dates of regular guests are indicated and the individual registration cards are destroyed. It was explained that all of the dates listed on the back of the above two cards pertain to the year 1952.

On March 1, 1955, Mr. RIVES was again contacted by SA JOHN B. MEADE and he advised that the hotel telephone

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records at the Prince George Hotel are maintained for a period of one year only. He further stated that all the records of phone calls made during 1952 would not be available.

Dr. SAMUEL GROOPMAN who is located at 4 East 28th Street, New York City, was contacted on February 25, 1954 by SA LESTER O. CALLAHER, and he advised that his records reflect that he treated ELIZABETH BENTLEY on September 9, 1952 and again on October 7, 1952.

Interview of Dr. RUTH MATTHEWS  
50 Riverside Drive, New York City  
on February 23, 1954

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Dr. RUTH E. MATTHEWS was interviewed by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY and she advised as follows:

She recalled that on December 4, 1952 she had a luncheon date with ELIZABETH BENTLEY and HARVEY LATUSOW at the Hotel Abbey in New York City. She related that she met both people at the hotel in the lobby and during the luncheon, BENTLEY was somewhat upset and unhappy since she did not have a job and was unsuccessful in obtaining one at that time. BENTLEY mentioned during the luncheon that every time she went after a worthwhile job, she would be called on to testify and as a result, her prospective employer would lose interest in her and she would subsequently lose out on the position.

MATTHEWS advised that BENTLEY did not give any specific names of any prospective employers. Mrs. MATTHEWS stated further that BENTLEY never made any statements nor did she indicate at any time that she was not going to continue cooperating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and government officials. She advised that BENTLEY never gave any indication that it was the responsibility of the government to obtain positions for her at this luncheon or any other time in Mrs. MATTHEWS' presence. On the contrary, Mrs. MATTHEWS stated that BENTLEY praised the accomplishments of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the manner in which they developed the facts.

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Mrs. MATTHEWS pointed out that BENTLEY did indicate by her upset attitude, and at one time during the luncheon appeared to cry that the constant appearance of her name in the headlines was beginning to get her down. MATTHEWS said that she attempted to relax BENTLEY by making several jokes. While at the luncheon, according to Mrs. MATTHEWS, BENTLEY did make mention of the fact that she was a little upset at ROY COHN, former Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and former Counsel to Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY'S Sub-committee, since he had not followed through in rendering full assistance to her in preparing or setting out her 1951 Income Tax Return which apparently had been improperly prepared by some tax accountant. BENTLEY stated in the presence of Mrs. MATTHEWS and MATUSOW that COHN was easy to contact and get hold of when he was looking for her to be interviewed relative to testimony, and so forth, but when she wanted to get through to him to ask some personal questions, she met with difficulty. BENTLEY also mentioned at the luncheon that she was appreciative of the work given to her by ALFRED KOHLBERG and that she was, at that time, doing some research work for him. MATTHEWS stated that BENTLEY did imply that she was financially strapped since she made reference to the fact that more than once she was anxious to secure a regular employment in order to meet her financial obligations.

Mrs. MATTHEWS pointed out that at the time of the luncheon, and whenever she was in Mrs. BENTLEY'S company, the latter never implied or indicated that she had given false testimony to the government.

According to Mrs. MATTHEWS, MATUSOW, if he desired to tell the truth, could only relate the above conversation held at the luncheon, December 4, 1952.

Interview of Dr. J. B. MATTHEWS  
and wife, RUTH on February 28, 1955

Dr. J. B. MATTHEWS and his wife, RUTH, were interviewed on February 28, 1955 by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY and SA CHESTER A. REILLY, and they advised as follows:

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They stated an appointment book had been maintained by Mrs. MATTHEWS and reflected a luncheon date was had with HARVEY MATUSOW and ELIZABETH BENTLEY for Thursday, December 4, 1952 at the Hotel Abbey in New York City. RUTH MATTHEWS exhibited the appointment book to the interviewing agents where the names of BENTLEY and MATUSOW appeared in ink and a notation of six dollars. Mrs. MATTHEWS advised that she paid for the luncheon in the amount of six dollars. Mrs. MATTHEWS advised that during the luncheon, and after the luncheon, nobody visited or stopped by the table and she pointed out that all three departed from the hotel lobby with MATUSOW going one way and BENTLEY and herself going in an opposite direction.

BENTLEY never made any remark or mention or gave any indication according to Mrs. MATTHEWS, regarding her testimony; however, she did remark to MATTHEWS that she, BENTLEY, thought MATUSOW was "quite a character". Mrs. MATTHEWS advised that BENTLEY, during their short walk from the hotel, was in an upset condition and commented in an offhand manner "it just doesn't seem worth the struggle and sometimes, I think I should step out in front of a car and settle everything."

Again, Mrs. MATTHEWS explained that the upset condition of ELIZABETH BENTLEY was apparently based on the fact that she had no regular type employment to meet her financial obligations.

Dr. MATTHEWS and his wife advised that BENTLEY and MATUSOW were also invited to a buffet dinner party at their apartment in the London Terrace, 410 West 24th Street, New York City, on November 16, 1952, both people referred to the appointment book, mentioned previously, which refreshed their memory that the dinner party was on that date.

Dr. MATTHEWS advised that the purpose of this prepared dinner was to introduce a visiting Belgian journalist by the name of A. G. SAMOY, who was touring the United States for some Belgian and Holland papers.



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Dr. MATTHEWS advised that the guests were given short notices, being invited by phone on the afternoon of November 16, 1952.

According to the MATTHEWS, the following people were in attendance:

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE SOKOLSKY, Prominent journalist associated with Kings Features Syndicate; Secretary HELEN PATT; Mr. and Mrs. JOHN HILL of Bell and Knowlton Relations Firm, New York City;

Mr. and Mrs. BEN LEVITES, 410 West 24th Street, New York City; LEO MC CAREY, Hollywood Producer; BENTLEY and MATUSOW

The MATTHEWS advised that to the best of their knowledge, the above-named people were the only ones in attendance. Both the MATTHEWS advised that practically, all the conversation was ~~surrounded~~ <sup>centered</sup> around the Belgian Journalist, SANOY, who was asked questions about American Politics.

Dr. MATTHEWS advised that GEORGE SOKOLSKY and himself answered most of the questions of SANOY. He explained that the people were seated about the room more or less resembling an audience to the political discussion.

Both the MATTHEWS were of the opinion that as a result of their recollection and because of the type of discussion and the way of seating of the people, BENTLEY and MATUSOW had little or no time to hold a quiet conversation of their own. Both MATTHEWS advised it was their opinion that the people mentioned above would not be in a position to furnish any additional details regarding any quiet conversation of MATUSOW and BENTLEY since they were sure none took place while BENTLEY and MATUSOW were visiting in their apartment on that date. The MATTHEWS concluded that this was the only supper party at which both MATUSOW and BENTLEY were in attendance, explaining however, that each had visited their apartment separately on various other occasions.

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Interview of LLEWELYN WATTS on  
March 1, 1955

LLEWELYN WATTS was interviewed by SA THOMAS A. POWERS and he advised as follows:

WATTS stated that he recalls one day in the early fall of 1952, MATUSOW told him that he had met ELIZABETH BENTLEY on that day and had a date that evening with her for cocktails and dinner. WATTS stated that he could not recall the day but believes it was on a Friday and could have possibly been around October 2, 1952. WATTS explained that later that evening MATUSOW and ELIZABETH BENTLEY appeared at the Rochambeau Restaurant which is located on 11th Street and 64th Avenue, New York City, at approximately nine o'clock P.M. and stayed in the restaurant for approximately one to two hours. WATTS does not recall that BENTLEY or MATUSOW had dinner at the restaurant. He related that the restaurant has two entrances and that MATUSOW and BENTLEY had entered through the bar entrance and had taken a small table in the bar section of the restaurant. WATTS advised that shortly after MATUSOW and BENTLEY entered, MATUSOW beckoned for WATTS to join them, which he did, explaining that he, WATTS, at that time, had a female acquaintance with him, but could not recall her name. WATTS stated that he remained at their table with MATUSOW and BENTLEY for the remainder of the time that they were in the restaurant. He explained that he does not recall that MATUSOW introduced him to Miss BENTLEY, but that he introduced himself to Miss BENTLEY explaining that he recognized her from pictures in the newspapers. He indicated that there is no question in his mind that the individual with MATUSOW on that occasion was ELIZABETH BENTLEY. He advised that at no time during the evening, did Miss BENTLEY manifest any evidence of tears or signs of depression. He stated that there was no discussion whatsoever of false testimony by Miss BENTLEY but does recall that he and Miss BENTLEY had a discussion about the uncommon names of certain Mid-western towns. He explained that he had the impression that Miss BENTLEY was either working in or had come from the Midwest and he recalls that one town in particular, was discussed by them, namely: "Diagonal, Iowa".

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WATTS volunteered the information that to the best of his knowledge, only one other person came to the table that evening, and he was a friend of WATTS by the name of EARL HENRY, who was also an acquaintance of MATUSOW. WATTS stated that he does not recall all the conversation which took place during the evening, but does remember that he and HENRY attempted to get Miss BENTLEY to discuss her Communist Party activities, but that they had a difficult time, inasmuch as MATUSOW was continually interrupting them to tell them about his own experiences. WATTS concluded by saying that Miss BENTLEY impressed him as a charming woman with a good sense of humor.

Interview of EARL HENRY of 56  
West 11th Street, New York City  
on March 2, 1955.

EARL HENRY was interviewed by SA THOMAS A. POWERS  
and advised as follows:

He stated that he met HARVEY MATUSOW in the Spring of 1952 at a political rally in New York City, the nature of which he could not recall. He explained that he saw MATUSOW off and on after that time, but only in a social way. He advised that he had no information concerning the book "False Witness" and that MATUSOW had never indicated to him that he had ever testified falsely. HENRY explained that he recalls seeing MATUSOW and an individual introduced to him as ELIZABETH BENTLEY in the Rochambeau Restaurant, located on 11th Street and 6th Avenue in New York City, on one occasion. HENRY was unable to fix the date other than to say it was some time after he had originally met MATUSOW. He pointed out that he recalls on this occasion, visiting the Rochambeau Restaurant at approximately 9:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. in the evening and as he entered, he observed MATUSOW, LOU WATTS, heretofore identified as ELEANOR WATTS, and an unidentified woman all seated at a table in the bar section of the restaurant. HENRY stated that he recalls only three people were at the table. He stated that he was invited by either MATUSOW or WATTS to join them which he did and he recalls that MATUSOW introduced him to a lady and gave a fictitious name, which he does not now recall. He advised that

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MATUSOW after giving this fictitious name, almost immediately stated that the woman's name was ELIAZABETH BENTLEY. HENRY stated that MATUSOW appeared to take pleasure in playing this joke of introducing Miss BENTLEY by a fictitious name but explained that he had no reason to believe this individual was not ELIZABETH BENTLEY.

HENRY recalled that he remained at the table for approximately fifteen minutes to one half hour after which time he left the bar. He explained that he does not now recall that Miss BENTLEY was in tears or that she appeared to be depressed. He stated that she did not have a chance to say much during the evening because MATUSOW was monopolizing the conversation.

HENRY concluded by advising that he recalls seeing MATUSOW on an unknown date during the year 1954 at which time MATUSOW stated that he was through with Communism, Mc CARTHY and the Jenner Committee, at which time MATUSOW did not give any reason for his action.

Investigation conducted at Los Angeles, California

Interview with DORIS HIBBARD, 2/28/55  
Temporarily residing at 1515  
Elevado Street, Los Angeles

DORIS HIBBARD was interviewed by Special Agents EDMOND F. BRICK and JAMES G. KARIS and advised as follows:

HIBBARD stated that she was introduced to HARVEY MATUSOW through LOU WATTS who was, at the time, MATUSOW'S roommate. HIBBARD could only state that the time of this meeting was some time during the latter part of 1952, the weather she recalls then being very cold. She stated that on the occasion of meeting LOU WATTS, who was a blind date, they visited the Rochambeau Restaurant located at Eleventh Street and Sixth Avenue in New York City, where they subsequently had dinner. According to HIBBARD, WATTS

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and HIBBARD stopped at MATUSOW'S table, where WATTS introduced HIBBARD to MATUSOW. MATUSOW then introduced ELIZABETH BENTLEY, who was with him at the table. MATUSOW then immediately started to malign ABE BURROWS, prominent Television entertainer as a Communist.

HIBBARD explained that BENTLEY was at the time appearing before the House Committee on Un-American activities and that she knew him through her Television associations. She stated that she liked him and therefore mildly resented MATUSOW'S insinuations about BURROWS. HIBBARD explained that MATUSOW stated that ARTIE SHAW would be one of the next individuals named as a Communist and that he then mentioned other individuals in show business as being tinged by Communism and said that practically everybody in show business was so tinged.

HIBBARD stated that ELIZABETH BENTLEY would nod her head in agreement with MATUSOW and would also make statements about Communism, and at intervals, although HIBBARD could not recall the remarks, it was her understanding from the conversation that BENTLEY was living in Connecticut at that time and was a writer. She explained that she got the impression that BENTLEY made a special trip to New York City to visit MATUSOW. She explained that she did not know if MATUSOW was BENTLEY'S boyfriend, but was given the impression from this meeting that this may have been true. She stated that this meeting was the only time that she had ever seen ELIZABETH BENTLEY, and that during this occasion, nothing was said about either MATUSOW or BENTLEY ever having been Communists, informers or government witnesses. She stated that she went out with LOU WATTS on a few occasions thereafter and on one occasion, was with him in the apartment then occupied by WATTS and MATUSOW, the latter not being present. She stated WATTS then showed her MATUSOW'S newspaper clippings from New York papers relative to his being an informer.

According to HIBBARD, WATTS stated that he was of the opinion that MATUSOW was being paid by Congressional Committees to work for them. HIBBARD related that WATTS, through his

association with MATUSOW, had become a valid anti-Communist and she indicated that he was employed by his father in the butter and egg business in New York City. She stated that after she first became acquainted with MATUSOW, she had several subsequent meetings with him, chiefly arising from his dropping over to the Television studio where she was employed, usually after a studio production had been completed. She stated they would have either coffee or something at a bar and on one occasion, they had a date where they visited the Stork Club because MATUSOW had stated he had an appointment with a senator.

Miss HIBBARD could not recall the name of the senator but does remember that no senator appeared on that occasion.

While at the Stork Club, according to Miss HIBBARD, MATUSOW visited the table of FAY EMERSON and her husband, prominent Television and movie personality, at which time he began a discussion with FAY EMERSON. She could not determine during the course of his visit with FAY EMERSON, whether or not MATUSOW and EMERSON were actually acquainted or whether FAY EMERSON was merely putting up with him. She does recall that she was of the belief that MATUSOW married Mrs. BENTLEY the former wife of a Michigan Congressman and for about 10 months, lived in Washington, D.C. She was unable to furnish any information as to whether MATUSOW worked in Washington D.C. but believed he was separated from his wife. She stated that MATUSOW, to the best of her knowledge, became divorced and returned to New York City, residing in a duplex apartment on East 79th Street, New York City, which he rented at approximately two hundred dollars a month.

Miss HIBBARD explained that some time in the summer of 1954, she had a date with MATUSOW and went to the Peacock Cafe on 56th Street, Seventh Avenue, New York City, at which time MATUSOW spoke about a book that he was writing which he said was going to be complete exposure of Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY. MATUSOW said that the publisher, whom he did not identify, was advancing him some money. On this occasion,

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according to Miss HIBBARD, MATUSOW requested a loan from her until the book was published. She stated that she refused and therefore, only talked to MATUSOW approximately three times on the telephone until approximately January 7, 1955 or January 8, 1955, when she visited a Greenwich Village bar in the company of MATUSOW. She related that during this last meeting, MATUSOW continued to talk about publishing his book. She stated that he had grown a beard and said that he was going to become a Mormon and was thinking of bicycling to Salt Lake City in the summer. She recalls that during her association with MATUSOW, he had told her that he had become a Communist in the Army, and had continued as such until he, as in a revolution, realized he was harming his country. She believes him to be very Anti-Communist, although in many of his beliefs and opinions, he is constantly changing his mind. She stated that as an example, he originally praised Senator MC CARTHY and subsequently violently denied him. She stated that MATUSOW never said how he supported himself, other than saying he wrote television scripts.

Miss HIBBARD stated that MATUSOW, never at any time, told her that he had worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation or that he was an F.B.I. informer. She said that MATUSOW never told her that he had been a government witness; that he worked for any Congressional Committee; or indicated in any manner how he obtained money for his living expenses. She said that he never talked about ELIZABETH BENTLEY being an informer or witness nor did he ever discuss BENTLEY'S testimony or his relationship with her. She does recall that MATUSOW said at one time that he was campaigning in Wisconsin and Montana, but that he never went into detail.

According to Miss HIBBARD, MATUSOW on one occasion returned from Texas but said nothing about why he was there other than to indicate that he was on a dude ranch and enjoyed outdoor life. She stated there never was any romantic attachment between her and MATUSOW and that she was of the opinion that he associated with her because she was a good listener. She described him as a person who is unstable mentally; an ego maniac; an intense individual who demanded everybody's attention and believes that MATUSOW is glorying in being in the spotlight currently and will make it last as long as possible.

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Miss HIBBARD could recall no outright act of dishonesty by MATUSOW except in an instance where he wanted her to improperly write a letter for him on the stationery of "What's My Line" program stating that he had been accepted for an appearance on that program. She volunteered the information that she refused to do this and believed he wanted to use the letter to barge his way into an appearance on the program. As a further example of MATUSOW'S mental thinking, HIBBARD explained MATUSOW once told her of an apparent murder plan that he had conceived. She stated the plan was for MATUSOW to go from New York City to a particular restaurant which Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY frequents and shoot MC CARTHY. Thereafter MATUSOW would return to New York City and hide out. She said she did not have much knowledge of MATUSOW'S associations outside of knowing LOU MATIS.

Miss HIBBARD furnished no other information.

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The Bureau's attention is directed to New York letters to the Bureau, 9/4/52 and 9/26/52 captioned "GREGORY; ESPIONAGE - R" which sets forth contacts and circumstances relating to the nervous and confused state of mind of ELIZABETH BENTLEY during the year 1952 and also to New York letter dated 1/16/53, captioned "ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY; ESPIONAGE - R" advising the Bureau of marked improvement in her mental condition.

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DENVER (INFORMATION)

EL PASO (INFORMATION)

Three copies of this report are being furnished to the Dallas, Denver, and El Paso offices for their information inasmuch as they have a collateral interest in this investigation.

LOS ANGELES (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished the Los Angeles Office for their information inasmuch as they have conducted investigation in this specific matter.

NEW ORLEANS

At Grand Coteau, Louisiana

Will reinterview ELIZABETH BENTLEY if not already done at the College of the Sacred Heart for any information concerning the dinner had with LUTUSOV at the Rochambeau Restaurant located on 11th Street and 6th Avenue, New York City, some time around the period, October 3, 1952.

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Miss Bentley, he said, told the McCarthy subcommittee that Harry Dexter White through William Ullmann gave her the plates of the invasion currency to be used in liberated Europe and that they were sent to Moscow.

There, she said, the Russians found they could not be copied, so they were returned through the same chain of persons and after "some little pressure" White agreed to and did persuade Treasury Morgenthau to give the plates to the Soviet Union.

Scott said the invasion money was counterfeited many times and "there is no doubt the Russians had the technical skill to copy the plates in 1941."

Secondly, he said, the plates were not completed until March 27, 1944, and on April 14 Morgenthau gave 18 of them to the Soviet Ambassador.

This, he said, was not enough time for the plates to be sent circuitously to Moscow, examined there and returned, for Miss Bentley to bring pressure on White to persuade Morgenthau to give them to Russia.

#### Cites Discrepancy in Dates

Miss Bentley testified that she did not know that her lover, Jacob Golos, was a Russian spy until May 8, 1941, when he showed her a picture of Gaik Ovakimian in the New York Times. Ovakimian, who has been arrested by the U.S. for military espionage, was identified by Golos as his espionage chief, he said.

Scott said The Times informed him it published no such picture on that date and did not possess a photograph of Ovakimian.

She testified, Taylor's attorney said, that she first met Victor Perlo in mid-March, 1941, and then began carrying information

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from him and his espionage ring to Golos. But Golos died on Thanksgiving Day, 1943, Scott said, months before she said she met Perl.

He challenged her story that she learned of Gen. Doolittle's raid on Tokyo 10 days before it happened from Ullmann, then an Air Force major. Ullmann, he said, was in the Treasury Dept. when the raid was made in April, 1942, did not go into service until the following October and did not become an Air Force officer until March, 1943.

Miss Bentley said Ullman knew of the raid because he was an expert on B-29 bombers, but, Scott pointed out, the raid was made by B-25s.

#### Brownell and FBI Quoted

In his memorandum to the Senate Internal Security subcommittee and his 107-page brief filed in Taylor's defense with the Civil

Service Commission's International Employees Loyalty Board, Scott cited numerous conflicts in statements of Attorney General Brownell, FBI Director Hoover and Miss Bentley.

The first of three FBI "warnings" on White was sent to the White House on Nov. 8, 1945, Scott said, but by Brownell's own statement this was the day after Miss Bentley first started talking to the FBI. It would have been impossible to check her charges in that interval, he said.

He also pointed out that Brownell's statement that the FBI knew nothing of her until Nov. 7 conflicts with her statement that she was "under FBI orders" the previous Oct. 17 when she made a contact with Anatoli Gromov, First Secretary of the Soviet Consulate in New York, and received \$2,000 from him.

There is a further conflict in Miss Bentley's statement that she

quit giving information to the Russians on Sept. 13 or 14, 1944, and Brownell's statement that she gave secrets to Gromov, Scott said, stating that Gromov did not come to this country until Sept. 21, 1944.

#### How Careful Was FBI?

Scott questioned how carefully the FBI had checked her story, and pointed to her statement that she began espionage work in mid-July, 1941, giving her information to Golos who passed it on to Ovakimian. Since Ovakimian was deported on July 23, 1941, he said, she could not have supplied him with much material.

He raised the question how she and Golos could have carried on extensive wartime espionage without being detected by the FBI. He noted that on Jan. 4, 1940, Attorney General Murphy publicly accused Golos of spying for Russia, and he was later fined for failure to register as a Soviet agent.

In view of this public record, he said, it would seem logical to assume that the FBI would

watch both Golos and his close friend, Miss Bentley.

Scott said Taylor had "reluctantly" decided to make a public appeal after trying for years to clear his name. He said Miss Bentley testified in private sessions that she did not know Taylor and she was unable to identify him when confronted with him.

He also said that when he attempted to take a deposition from her and referred to her book, "Out of Bondage," she said: "It is fiction."

Taylor was called only once by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, in New York on Dec. 1, 1952, Scott said, and "as soon as subcommittee counsel saw that Mr. Taylor intended to answer all questions and was not going to plead the Fifth Amendment, he was immediately excused from testifying."

In an executive session before the McCarthy subcommittee on Nov. 9, 1953, Scott said, McCarthy "almost pleaded with him to take the Fifth Amendment."

"Taylor did not take the Fifth

Amendment," Scott said "He answered every question and denied Communist Party membership and Communist espionage under oath."

He was never called again, the lawyer said.

Taylor, a native of British Columbia, is a naturalized citizen who entered government service in 1940 and went to the International Monetary Commission in 1946. He has acknowledged being a friend of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, accused by Miss Bentley of being head of a spy ring for which she acted as courier.

His case has been under consideration by the Civil Service Loyalty Board since September, 1953. A decision is expected soon.

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**ELIZABETH BENTLEY**

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Scott noted that Miss Bentley told the McCarthy subcommittee, Oct. 21, 1953, that she received the plates of the invasion currency to be used in liberated Europe from William Ullmann, who obtained them from Harry Dexter White.

She said she passed them on to her Russian contact who forwarded them to Moscow where tests were made and it was found, according to Miss Bentley, that the engraved plates could not be copied.

The plates were then returned to White through the same chain of persons. She said she received orders to put pressure on White to get him to persuade Treasury Secretary Morgenthau to release the plates voluntarily to the Russians.

Miss Bentley said to took "some little pressure" on her part to persuade White to do this, but that she finally succeeded.

The McCarthy Committee sub-

sequently charged that it was this gift of the plates to the Russians that enabled the Soviets to flood liberated Europe with counterfeit money.

**Scott Analyzes Story**

Scott made several comments on this story. First, he pointed out that if the engraved plate ever did reach Russia in the way Miss Bentley described, there is "no doubt" the Russians could have made copies of them.

"The invasion currency was counterfeited many times in late months; there is no doubt the Russians had the technical skill to copy the plates in 1944," he said.

Secondly, he said that White on March 15, 1944, sent a memorandum to Alvin W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving, requesting the plates be made, including 18 for the USSR.

On March 27, the Bureau of Engraving completed the plates and sent them to White, who signed receipt. On April 14, Morgenthau called in the Russian Ambassador and gave him the plates.

"In other words, what Miss Bentley said took place would have had to occur between March 27 when the plates were finished and April 14 when the Russian received them from Morgenthau."

"There just couldn't have been enough time in those two weeks for Miss Bentley to get the plates from White, forward them to Russia, have them tested, have them sent back and for her to bring 'some little pressure' on White to win Morgenthau's consent by the 14th. It just couldn't have happened that way."

Another incident Scott pointed out was Miss Bentley's money that she did not know of. Over, Jacob Golos, was a Russian spy until May 8, 1941, when he showed her the picture in the New York Times of a Russian spy.

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arrested by the U. S. government for military espionage.

Golos, according to Miss Bentley's book, identified this man, Gail Ovakimian, as his espionage chief.

Scott said that the librarian of the Times wrote him that there was no picture of Ovakimian in the paper of May 8, 1941 and there could not have been because the Times library does not possess a photograph of this man.

He added that a check of two other New York papers also showed no photo of Ovakimian.

Scott's memorandum to the Internal Security Subcommittee and his 107-page brief in defense of Taylor were filed with the Civil Service Commission. The International Employees Loyalty Board also raises serious questions of conflict among statements of Attorney General Brownell and FBI Director Hoover and those of Miss Bentley.

The brief emphasizes that the first of the three FBI "warnings" on White which Hoover transmitted to the White House was dated Nov. 8, 1945.

In this first warning, Hoover said that a "reliable informant" had produced information against White and his associates.

In the second message of Nov. 27, 1945, declassified by Brownell, Hoover said however, that Miss Bentley's charges "first came to the attention of the Bureau on

Nov. 7 when Ellabeth Bentley... came into the New York Office of the Bureau".

Scott observed that it would have been "impossible" for the FBI to check the truthfulness of any of Miss Bentley's charges between Nov. 7 when she first made them and Nov. 8 when they were sent to the White House.

He also emphasized that the memorandum of Nov. 27 conflicts directly with Miss Bentley's statement that she was "under FBI orders" when she made a contact on Oct. 17 with Anatoli Gromov, First Secretary of the Russian Consulate in New York, and received \$2,000 from him.

"How could she have been under FBI orders on Oct. 17 when Mr. Hoover says the FBI knew nothing about her until Nov. 7?" Scott asks.

"Why would the FBI, eager for documentary proof of Soviet espionage, have permitted her to receive \$2,000 from a Russian diplomat and do nothing about it? Why, if this story was accurate, did it let her go back to her office, put the money in a safe, and only some time later turn the money over to the Bureau?" he asks.

He also disputes Brownell's testimony to the Jenner Committee in November, 1953, that she transmitted information first to Golos and then, after Golos' death, to Gromov.

Scott said his investigation revealed that Gromov did not come

to this country until Sept. 21, 1944. Miss Bentley has said that she quit supplying information to the Russians on Sept. 13 or Sept. 14, 1944.

"She therefore never gave information to Gromov, contrary to what the Attorney General testified," he observed.

Taylor's attorney pointed out that Miss Bentley testified that after working with the Silvermaster spy ring, she was switched to the Perlo ring. She has said that she first met Perlo and his associates in mid-March, 1944, and transmitted Communist Party dues and secret information from them to Golos.

However, in her book, she wrote that Golos died "in her arms" on Thanksgiving Day, 1943.

"It is a matter of public record that Golos died on Thanksgiving Day, 1943. How then could Miss Bentley have carried dues from Perlo to Golos when by her own admission she did not meet Perlo until 1944?" he asked.

Scott also challenged Miss Bentley's statement that she knew of Gen. Doolittle's raid on Tokyo 10 days before it happened because Maj. Ullmann of the Air Force told her.

Taylor's attorney pointed out that at the time of the raid in April, 1942, Ullmann was still a civilian official in the Treasury Dept. He did not go into service until Oct., 1942, and did not become an officer in the Air Force until March, 1943.



# Bentley Denies Lies, Clams Up

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Washington, April 20—Elizabeth Bentley said today that she had testified truthfully about Soviet espionage, but refused to answer in detail the attack upon her credibility made by Byron Scott, attorney for one of the many persons she has accused.

Miss Bentley has accused William Henry Taylor, an official of the International Monetary Fund, of being a member of the Harry Dexter White spy ring in the Treasury Dept. during the war, when she confessed she was an espionage courier for the Russians.

Through Scott, former Democratic Congressman from California, Taylor has challenged not only her accusations against him but many major portions of her entire story of espionage.

Reached by telephone in Grand Coteau, La., where she teaches government science at the College of the Sacred Heart, Miss

Bentley refused to reply to his accusations.

"There is no reason to answer," she said. "I was merely a witness and I do not comment outside committee hearings. I have testified truthfully and I see no point in making any reply."

Miss Bentley said she had not heard of Scott's exhaustive analysis of her testimony and writings contained in a 107-page brief filed with the Civil Service Commission's Loyalty Board for International Employees on March 28, and would issue no reply even if a summary of his charges were sent her.

She said, however, that she would testify if called by the loyalty board.

Scott's accusations not only involve Miss Bentley but also the prestige of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, who unqualifiedly endorsed her story.

Testifying before the Jenner Committee in November, 1953, Hoover said:

"All information furnished by Miss Bentley, which was susceptible to check, has proven to be correct. She has been subjected to the most searching of cross-

examinations. Her testimony has been evaluated by juries and reviewed by the courts and has been found to be accurate."

The thesis of the Taylor brief is that much of the information supplied by Miss Bentley that was "susceptible to check" has not turned out to be correct.

The brief seriously questions how efficient or exhaustive the FBI actually was in checking her story.

Taylor in his statement makes several strong criticisms of the FBI, maintaining at one point that there may be "an incredible degree of laxity and negligence or ineptitude on the part of federal law enforcement officers."

The FBI has offered no comment on Taylor's statement.

Sen. Eastland (D-Miss.), chairman of the Internal Security subcommittee and the man to whom Taylor has appealed for a public hearing, declined comment yesterday. Eastland earlier this year described Miss Bentley's story as "flawlessly truthful."

## Lists 37 Discrepancies

Of the 37 "discrepancies" in Miss Bentley's statements which

Taylor lists, some are relatively minor and some are highly significant.

Miss Bentley testified to the House Un-American Activities Committee that Taylor went on a government mission to Portugal. He has never been there.

She told a Senate committee in 1949 that with the exception of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife, all of her other government contacts were native-born Americans. Taylor, however, was born and grew up in Canada.

The third of these discrepancies is of major importance. When a Senate committee in 1951 asked her who had given her government documents, she listed "Lud" Ullmann and "Bill" Taylor.

In a pre-trial hearing of a libel suit on July 26, 1954, she swore that she had never met Taylor before the previous pre-trial deposition hearing on May 17, 1954.

Miss Bentley "has neither explained nor been asked how she could have received documents from a man whom she had never seen or met," the brief observes.

The brief emphasizes that Miss

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Bentley has been vague about the kind of information she procured through her espionage efforts. She usually referred to "inside information," "inside policy data," and "all types of information." On one occasion, she said, "most of those documents were photographed and, therefore, I do not remember the documents."

One of her specific answers dealt with the explosive known as RDX.

"They (the Russians) were quite interested in RDX. We got

ley told the Senate Internal Security subcommittee in 1949.

"What is RDX?" she was asked.

"RDX is a sort of explosive. I am not a chemist and I don't know too much about it; it recently appeared in the papers," she replied.

The Taylor brief speculates that "Miss Bentley probably lifted this story from the newspapers she mentioned. She could easily have done so, for RDX was no secret."

According to the Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, it was discovered in 1899. It was used on a large scale by all major participants during World War II.

the encyclopedia says.

One of Miss Bentley's most sensational revelations was that she and other Russian agents knew the date of the 1944 invasion of Europe well in advance. "We knew D-Day long before D-Day happened, and we were right," she told the House Committee in 1948.

"Mr. Ullmann (one of her alleged contacts) was in the Pentagon with the Air Corps, and through his connections with Gen. Hilldring's office he had learned the date, and I remember it distinctly because with that knowledge he was betting with a friend of his when D-Day would be and,

of course, he won the bet, since he knew it ahead of time," she said.

She identified Gen. Hilldring as having been connected with the Air Force.

The Taylor brief calls this story "utter rot."

It points out that Gen. Hilldring in 1944 was director of the Civil Affairs Division of the War Dept.; he was never in the Air Force.

Secondly, D-Day was a variable date. It was first set for the end of May, then changed to a choice of three days in early June, then fixed for June 5, and at the last moment, Gen. Eisenhower postponed it until June 6 because of bad weather.

It was therefore impossible for Ullmann or Miss Bentley to know "long before" or "far in advance" or "four days ahead" the precise date of the invasion which Gen. Eisenhower did not decide about until 24 hours before it happened.

Third, the brief notes that Gen. Deane, chief of the U. S. Military Mission to Moscow kept the Russians fully informed on the date of the invasion. The date was never a secret to the Russian high command.

"Why should the Russians set up a vast network of espionage to steal secrets that were not secret and in which they were joint planners?" the brief asks.

Miss Bentley's "vaunted reputation for a remarkable memory" comes under searching scrutiny and analysis in the Taylor brief. In 1948, she described her first meeting with "Al," her Russian contact, in 1944.

She recalled that she wore a hat with a red rose on it, carried a copy of Time Magazine, and "Al's" opening sentence was, "Aren't you the Mary I knew in such-and-such a place?"

When she described the same meeting to another Congressional committee three years later, however, several of the details were altered.

This time, she said, she wore a red flower on her hat, not speci-

fying that it was a rose, the magazine had become Life, and "Al's" first words were, "I'm sorry that I'm late. I bring greetings from Moscow. And now think we should have our dinner."

In 1948, she said "Al" made "a long speech" but she could not remember much of it. In 1951, she was able to quote his exact words at length.

In 1948, she said the meeting with "Al" took place in New York in mid-November, 1944. Three years later, she said it occurred in Washington in late October, 1944.

Great confusion exists in Miss Bentley's various accounts of how she allegedly transmitted to Russia samples of the invasion currency printed for use in liberated Germany.

In her book, "Out of Bondage," she writes that the spy ring gave her the currency around D-Day which was June 6, 1944.

In an article for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch two years ago, she sets the date as 1945. In an article in the Freeman Magazine, she places the time as January, 1944.

In testimony before the McCarthy Committee two years ago, she refers to "late 1943 or 1944."

Treasury Dept. records reveal the currency was printed by March 27, 1944 and on April 14, Secretary Morgenthau informed the Russian Ambassador that the plates for the currency would be made available to the Soviets.

This throws doubt on Miss Bentley's account that over a period of several weeks, she had the currency transmitted to Russia, where it was found the bills could not be counterfeited, and she was instructed to bring pressure to bear on the U. S. government to get the actual plates.

# Confessions Reveal Death Trail Left by 'Spy Queen'

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By VIRGINIA GARDNER

**ELIZABETH BENTLEY**, who Harvey Matusow said tearfully told him in October, 1952, she had "to find information to testify about" because she was broke, no longer young, and had "to continue doing this kind of work" was kept pretty busy at one time.

The woman Matusow said lied under oath apparently found another way to augment her income after her weeping confessions over dinner with him in 1952. She was heard from in Grand Coteau, La., where it seems she has been teaching government science for the last two years in Sacred Heart College. Miss Bentley recalled meeting Matusow but her memory which in former years functioned with such alacrity, was hazy.

Miss Bentley was the key and almost the only witness who put William Remington, former Department of Commerce official, behind the bars.

Although she never met Julius or Ethel Rosenberg or Morton Sobell, she testified in their trial as an "expert" on Communism, and of her Appeals Judge Jerome Frank said:

"If the jury believed her, she supplied the missing link connecting the Communist Party with the Soviet Union. . . ."

Through the witness whom Harvey Matusow has charged with lying, the government was able to bring in inflammatory evidence on membership which had been admitted only on condition "a casual connection between communism and the commission of the acts charged in the indictment" could be made.

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**REMINGTON** now is dead, the victim of a fatal assault in Lewisburg prison last Nov. 23. The Rosenbergs were executed when they refused to add their lies to the lies of informers and admit a crime they did not commit.

But Morton Sobell remains in Alcatraz prison on a 30-year sentence, seeking a new trial.

And if Miss Bentley is less in the limelight as a stoolpigeon than she was in her lush days, and her confessions are no longer sought, as her tearful scene with Matusow suggested, it may be that the government has been nervous about

just such an exposure of Miss Bentley as Matusow has started.

Miss Bentley was the witness who in the summer of 1948 kicked off the big spy hunt as a witness before the Un-American Activities Committee. As such she was heralded in newspaper headlines as the "spy queen."

Preceding the sinister figure of Whittaker Chambers in the national informer spotlight, Miss Bentley rattled off names of government employes or ex-employes who were, she claimed, members of a "spy ring."

Congressional committees competed for her testimony and the subsequent headlines. The be-



spectacled, rather prim face of the loquacious confessor made page one of countless newspapers. She provided columns of copy for the press even while the hearings were closed, as avid committee hirelings and Congressmen and Senators leaked news of her revelations.

Her glib recitals worked over for the press pictured how innocent and idealistic she once had been and how she woke up one day to realize "all of a sudden" that she was a "courier" and that the American Communist Party was "only a string" pulled by the Russians.

She went on a nationwide speaking tour and delivered somewhat sticky accounts, rather duller than the advance billings had promised, of how life began when she hid herself to the bosom of the FBI and then the Catholic church. She blamed a "great lack of religious education" for her original Communist activity in 1935. And of course she wrote a book.

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**WILLIAM A. REUBEN** in his

newly published book, "The Atom Spy Hoax," points out how stale her revelations were. But 1948 was an election year, and they fitted into what he calls the Un-American Activities Committee's "all-out campaign to make 'Communism' and espionage synonymous."

"Within one week," Reuben said, "the 'confessions' of Elizabeth Bentley, Louis Budenz and Whittaker Chambers about the 'Communist underground' became known, via headlines and television screens, to every literate person in the U. S. What wasn't made known at the time was that these 'confessions' had long been in the hand of the FBI . . . with no prospective action resulting therefrom. . . ."

Bentley had been going to the FBI with her tales since 1945, and Chambers had been trying to peddle his since 1939. The Un-American Committee investigator, Robert T. Stripling, claimed to reporters it was Miss Bentley's confessions to the FBI in 1945 about how 50 of her agents had stolen top military and political secrets that had brought about the federal grand jury investigation of 1948.

The World-Telegram in a front-page splash followed that statement (July 29, 1948) with this paragraph: "The jury last week indicted the country's 12 leading Communists on charges of conspiring to overthrow the government by force and violence."

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**BUT WHILE** the star performers Bentley and Chambers enabled the press to whip up the hysteria needed to indict and convict the Communist leaders, the talents of neither Bentley nor Chambers were used in that or subsequent Smith Act trials. And as Reuben points out, the government made no allegation in that trial there was "any connection between communism and espionage."

Instead Miss Bentley and Chambers were used in the earliest trials which grew out of spy charges, although since the government had no evidence the principals couldn't be charged with espionage: the trials of Alger Hiss and William W. Remington on perjury charges.

It was Miss Bentley whose testimony in 1948 first cost Reming-

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY; ESPIONAGE-R. ATTENTION DIRECTED TO  
DREW PEARSON'S BROADCAST, 5/1/55, WHICH CONTAINED FOLLOWING  
ITEM: "CAPITOL HILL....SENATOR HENNINGSON OF MISSOURI HAS  
AN INTERESTING WIRE-TAP FILE ON ELIZABETH BENTLEY, THE  
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TO : SAC, New York

FROM : SA J. C. Derdak, SUTEC

SUBJECT: DREW PEARSON BROADCAST

DATE: 5/1/55

1. -- Justice Department Attorney General Brownell would be delighted if SIMON SOBOLOFF, the very fine Solicitor General, would become a judge. SOBOLOFF has been very embarrassing because he refuses to go along on some of Brownell's witch hunting.
2. Capitol Hill--Senator HENNINGS, of Missouri, has an interesting wiretap file on ELIZABETH BENTLEY, the Communist courier. It may come out during his probe of wiretapping.

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NY NEWSPAPERS EXAMINED FOR PHOTOS OF OVAKIMIAN AT TIME OF  
ARREST AS FOLLOWS: FILES INDICATE OVAKIMIAN ARRESTED MAY FIVE  
FORTYONE. NY SUN, WORLD TELEGRAM, MIRROR, HERALD TRIBUNE, NEWS  
AND TIMES ALL CARRIED STORIES OF ARREST IN MAY SIX FORTYONE ISSUES.  
ALSO CARRIED STORIES OF RELEASE ON BAIL WHICH OCCURRED ON MAY  
SIX FORTYONE IN THEIR MAY SEVEN FORTYONE ISSUES. THESE PAPERS  
ALL EXAMINED THROUGH MAY ELEVEN FORTYONE BUT NO PHOTOS OF OVAKIMIAN  
LOCATED. NY TIMES AS WELL AS OTHER PAPERS DATED MAY NINETEEN  
FORTYONE WILL BE EXAMINED FOR PHOTOS. EXAMINATION WILL ALSO BE  
MADE OF NY JOURNAL AMERICAN, POST AND P.M., COVERING ALL PERTINENT  
DATES. TIME AND LIFE MAGAZINES WILL ALSO BE EXAMINED. EXAMINATION  
OF FILE ENTITLED QUOTE ARMAND LABIS FELDMAN; ET AL, ESPIONAGE DASH  
R END OF QUOTE, WHICH REFLECTS PROSECUTIVE ACTION ON OVAKIMIAN  
INDICATES THAT AFTER SEVERAL DELAYS HE HAD HEARING ON JUNE  
SIX FORTYONE AT WHICH TIME WAS HELD FOR GRAND JURY. NY NEWSPAPERS  
COVERING THIS DATE WILL BE EXAMINED AND BUREAU ADVISED OF RESULTS.

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99	7/29/55	LETTER ASAC TO SAC	1	1	
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143	2/12/57	TELETYPE NY TO HQ	2	2	
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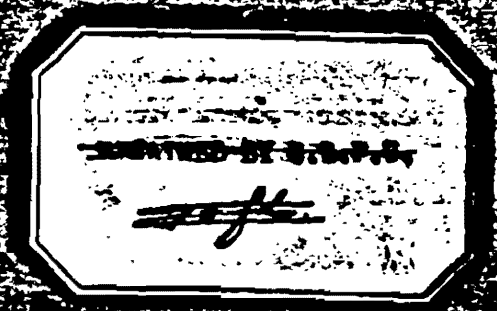
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# Taylor Tells Probers: Drop Bentley Charge

By WILLIAM V. SHANNON  
New York Post Correspondent

Washington, May 6—The Attorney for William Henry Taylor, former government official charged by Elizabeth Bentley with membership in a Soviet espionage ring, called upon the Senate Internal Security subcommittee today to disavow the Bentley charges.

Byron Scott, former Democratic Congressman from California and now Taylor's lawyer, wrote Sen. Eastland (D-Miss.), chairman of the subcommittee:

"Your reluctance to summon Miss Bentley for cross-examination leads me to suspect that you, too, believe that these statements are false in their application to the Taylor case."

In a letter to Eastland on April 4, Scott asked the subcommittee to hold a public hearing and allow defense counsel to cross-examine Miss Bentley.

Eastland, in a reply dated April 23, said that cross-examination by Taylor's lawyer would violate committee precedents. Taylor could testify publicly if he wished, Eastland wrote.

"After Mr. Taylor has testified before the committee, consideration will be given to the question of whether any further testimony from Miss Bentley or anyone else

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appears necessary or desirable," Eastland added.

Scott noted yesterday that the subcommittee's rules adopted Feb. 7, 1955 are actually silent on the subject of cross-examination. The rules state only that witnesses are to be examined "on behalf of the committee" by Senators or staff members.

He also pointed to several precedents in which direct confrontation between the accuser and the accused has taken place—as in the Hiss-Chambers investigation by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

He also recalled that Eastland in March, 1954, while acting as a one-man subcommittee, permitted Clifford Durr, counsel for Aubrey Williams, to cross-examine ex-Communist Paul Crouch who had accused Williams.

Scott said he would not advise Taylor to appear as a voluntary witness to deny the charges under oath unless Miss Bentley were present and cross-examination were permitted.

If the committee called Taylor on its own initiative, however, he would appear, Scott said.

Taylor had a slight heart attack two weeks ago and is now recuperating. He could not ap-

pear in any event for several weeks.

Miss Bentley has testified that a man she has identified as "Bill" Taylor or "William" Taylor passed information to her during the war presumably through an intermediary.

Attorney General Brownell and the Internal Security Subcommittee have identified the man as William Henry Taylor, Scott's client.

Miss Bentley, however, has also publicly said she never actually met Taylor and at a pre-trial deposition in a libel suit was unable to recognize William Henry Taylor.

Scott contends that his client is either a victim of mistaken identity and Miss Bentley meant some other Taylor or else that Miss Bentley described him erroneously.

Taylor, an aide to the late Harry Dexter White in the Treasury Dept. during World War II, is now a middle-bracket official of the International Monetary Fund.

His loyalty case there is still pending.

He has consistently denied that he was a Communist Party member, that he participated in espionage, or that he was acquainted with Miss Bentley.

Director, FBI (65-56402)

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ReButels 4/22/55 and 4/27/55, NY tel 4/25/55 and NY airtel 4/29/55.

ReButel 4/22/55 instructed immediate check of all New York newspapers having a photograph of GAIK B. OVAKIMIAN appearing in May 1941, inasmuch as ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY had stated in her book, "Out of Bondage" that a photo of OVAKIMIAN had appeared in the "New York Times" with the story of his arrest.

A review of events pertaining to the arrest of GAIK B. OVAKIMIAN appearing in the case file entitled, "ARMAND JAKIS FELDMAN, was, ET AL; ESP - R" (NY 65-235), reflects the following chronology of occurrences:

May 3, 1941	OVAKIMIAN arrested by FBI Agents at 12:35 P.M.
May 6, 1941	Posted \$25,000 bond and released
May 13, 1941	Appeared for hearing - obtained adjournment to May 20, 1941
May 20, 1941	Appeared for hearing - requested further adjournment to May 27, 1941
May 27, 1941	Appeared - adjourned to June 4, 1941
June 4, 1941	Appeared for hearing and held for Grand Jury
July 19, 1941	Left New York by train to depart 7/23/41 aboard Soviet ship "Kim" from the West Coast
October 17, 1941	Prosecutive action dropped by SIA and bail returned

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Letter to Director  
NY 65-14603

On April 25, 26, 27 and 29, 1955, copies of the New York newspapers listed hereinafter were examined for the indicated dates at the newspaper division of the New York Public Library, 147 W. 25th Street, NYC. As will be shown, the press contained considerable publicity pertaining to the arrest and subsequent prosecutive action on OVAKIMIAN, but no photographs were found to have been published in conjunction therewith. In addition to the examination of the newspapers, the clipping libraries of several of the newspapers were contacted with similar results. As will be indicated below, several of the newspapers had photographs taken of OVAKIMIAN as he left the U. S. Court House following his release on bail, but none of these were found to have been published.

"World Telegram" (evening)

Issues Examined

May 6-10, 1941

May 13-16

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June 5-10, 1941

July 16-22, 1941

October 16-17, 1941

Stories Located

May 6, 1941, story covering arrest

May 7, 1941, story concerning release on bail

October 17, 1941, story re dropping of case

The clipping file of the "World Telegram" was examined on May 2, 1955. This reflects that the story of OVAKIMIAN'S release on bail was carried in late issues on May 16, 1941. A very short story on the expected dropping of the case was also carried in the October 16, 1941 issue.



Letter to Director  
NY 65-14603

The photo files of the "World Telegram" reflect a photograph of OVAKIMIAN shown with his handkerchief covering his face, but this was not published.

New York "News" (morning)

May 6-10, 1941

May 6, 1941, story covering arrest

May 7, 1941, story covering release on bail

May 13-16  
18-22  
27-30

June 5-8, 1941  
16-21

October 16-18, 1941

October 18, 1941, story on dismissal of charges

The clipping library of the "News" was checked on 4/29/55. A short story was found to have been contained in the May 14, 1941 issue concerning a postponement of OVAKIMIAN'S hearing. A check was made for photographs with negative results.

"New York Journal American" (evening)

May 6-8, 1941

May 6, 1941, story on OVAKIMIAN'S arrest

May 13-15  
19-22  
27-31

June 6-9, 1941  
16-20

October 16-18, 1941

October 18, 1941, short story on dismissal of charges



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The clipping library of the "New York Journal American" checked on May 2, 1955, reflects that a late edition of the May 6, 1941 issue contained a story concerning OVAKIMIAN'S release on bail, replacing the story previously found reflecting his arrest. This newspaper's files also contained a photograph of OVAKIMIAN leaving the court house covering his face with a handkerchief, but it was not used.

"New York Mirror" (morning)

May 6-11, 1941

May 6, 1941, story on arrest

May 7, 1941, story concerning release on bail

May 13-16

19-22

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June 4-8, 1941

October 15-19, 1941

The clipping library of the "New York Mirror" was checked on April 29, 1955, but no additional stories were located. Photo files of the "Mirror" reflect three photographs of OVAKIMIAN leaving the court house, two of which show him with a handkerchief covering his face and the third shows him wearing dark glasses. None of these were used for publication.

"New York Times" (morning)

May 6-11, 1941

May 6, 1941, story covering arrest

May 7, 1941, story concerning release on bail

May 13-16

19-22

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May 28, 1941 issue carried short story re postponement of hearing until June 6, 1941

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June 7, 1941, story re hearing  
and holding of OVAKIMIAN for  
Grand Jury

October 16-18, 1941

October 16, 1941 story re  
dropping of charges (this story  
appears to have been published  
before the event and also appears  
to have been picked up by other  
papers)

The clipping library of the "New York Times" was  
checked on April 29, 1955. In addition to the stories  
located as set out above, it was found that the early  
edition of the May 14, 1941 issue carried a story concerning  
postponement of OVAKIMIAN'S hearing. Inquiry was made  
concerning photographs, but none were found.

"New York Sun" (evening)

May 6-10, 1941

May 6, 1941, story on arrest

May 20-21

May 27-30

June 6, 1941

June 6, 1941, story on hearing  
and holding for Grand Jury,  
contains brief description  
of OVAKIMIAN

October 16-18, 1941

Attention is directed to the fact that the "New York  
Sun" is now combined with the "World Telegram." Inquiry was  
made concerning the "New York Sun's" clipping files at the  
"World Telegram and Sun" clipping library and the agent was  
advised they are presently stored in a vault to which the  
"World Telegram and Sun" does not have access.

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"Herald Tribune" (morning)

May 3-11, 1941

May 6, 1941, story on arrest  
May 7, 1941, release on bail

May 14-16  
21-22  
28-29

June 7-9, 1941

October 16-18, 1941

October 16, 1941, story that  
U. S. was dropping prosecution

October 18, 1941, story reflecting  
that prosecution had been dropped

Clipping and photo files of the "Herald Tribune"  
were checked April 29, 1955, but no additional stories or  
photographs were located.

"New York Post" (evening)

May 5-10, 1941  
13-15  
20-22  
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June 6-7, 1941

July 16-21, 1941

October 16-18, 1941

No stories concerning prosecuting activity pertaining  
to SYKINIAN were located in the "New York Post." Inasmuch  
as this paper has carried rather extensive coverage concerning  
efforts by BYRON SCOTT, attorney for WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, to  
discredit testimony of ELIZABETH BENTLEY, it was not deemed  
advisable to check the clipping library of the "Post." It was  
noted, however, that although clippings from other newspapers  
were maintained in the clipping files of those checked, no  
stories from the "Post" were noted therein.

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"PM" (morning)

May 6-8, 1941

May 7, 1941, short story concerning  
OVAKIMIAN'S release on bail

May 14-15

21-22

28-30

June 8-9, 1941

("PM" was not published  
on Saturday, June 7, 1941)

October 16-19, 1941

"PM" is now defunct and the location of its clipping  
library is not known.

"Daily Worker"

May 6-16, 1941

20-24

27-30

June 6-8, 1941

October 15-19, 1941

No stories concerning activities of OVAKIMIAN were  
located in the "Daily Worker."

"Time" magazine

May 19, 1941

May 19, 1941 issue contains story  
on OVAKIMIAN'S arrest and release  
on bail. This story contains a  
brief description

June 9, 1941

October 20, 1941

October 27, 1941



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"Newsweek" magazine

May 12, 1941

May 19, 1941

June 9, 16, 27, 1941

October 20, 27, 1941

"Life" magazine

May 19, 1941

June 9, 1941

October 20, 1941

October 27, 1941

No stories concerning OVAKIMIAN'S arrest could be located in either the "Life" or "Newsweek" magazines.

Attention is directed to page 20, report of SA THOMAS S. SPENCER, 12/5/45, NY, under instant caption, which contains the signed statement of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY dated 11/30/45. The following is contained therein:

"In connection with the disposition of material I received from the SILVERMASTERS and turned over to GOLOS, I was informed by GOLOS that he turned this material over to a Russian contact. Previous to my association with the SILVERMASTER group, GOLOS had been meeting some Russian. He informed me that he had observed an individual's photograph in a newspaper and I recall that the name ended in 'IAN.' It is my recollection that the press carried the photograph in connection with a story that this individual had been apprehended on a charge of bribing a Standard Oil Company official. GOLOS informed me that this was the individual he had been meeting, but whose identity he had not known until he saw the newspaper photograph. This individual is not the person to whom GOLOS turned over the SILVERMASTER material, but a contact to whom

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SOLOS had probably turned over other information prior to the appearance of the SILVERMASTER crowd in this picture."

It will be noted that in the above quotation, BENTLEY does not state directly that she herself saw the photograph of the person whose last name ends in IAN and who is presumably OVAKIMIAN. It is believed that SOLOS could easily have identified OVAKIMIAN as the person who had acted as his principal due to the descriptions contained in some of the news stories, notably the one appearing in the "New York Sun" on 6/6/41 and in the "Time" magazine of 5/19/41. It is believed that these, coupled with his own knowledge of OVAKIMIAN and his possible failure to appear for a contact would have readily identified OVAKIMIAN to SOLOS.

The New Orleans office is requested to interview Miss BENTLEY and, if possible, clarify this matter concerning her recollection of how the fact that OVAKIMIAN was SOLOS's principal first came to her attention. If she states she actually saw a published photograph of OVAKIMIAN, she should be closely questioned in an effort to identify the newspaper in which she saw the photograph and as nearly as possible the date thereof. It is requested that this matter be afforded expeditious attention and that the Bureau and the NYO be promptly advised of the results of this interview.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was.,  
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Re New York letter to Bureau dated May 9, 1955.

On May 16, 1955 Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed at Lafayette, Louisiana and she advised that prior to May, 1941 JACOB GOLOS had been contacting a person whose name was unknown to her. On the day after the arrest of OVAKIMIAN, she related that GOLOS came into her office with a New York Times in his hand and told her that his contact had been arrested. She related that GOLOS told her that he had not known the identity of OVAKIMIAN prior to his arrest and prior to his, GOLOS, seeing OVAKIMIAN's photograph. She related that GOLOS told her that the photograph of OVAKIMIAN is what identified him to GOLOS as his Russian contact.

Miss BENTLEY advised that she did not see a photograph of OVAKIMIAN but assumed that his photograph appeared in the paper since GOLOS told her he had seen the photograph.

Miss BENTLEY stated that if the photograph did not appear in the paper then GOLOS must have known the identity of his Russian contact and was withholding this information from her. She related that she never knew GOLOS to tell her a lie about anything but on matters which he did not want her to know about he just refused to discuss them. RUC.

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, ET AL  
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Re NY letter to Bureau, 5/9/55, and New Orleans  
letter to Bureau, 5/25/55. (u)

In view of ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S statement that she  
did not personally see photograph of OVAKIMIAN in NY  
newspaper and since all logical leads to discover proposed  
photograph of OVAKIMIAN have been covered, this case is being  
closed. (u)

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Rebulet, 5/27/55, and WFO letter, 5/25/55.

Examination of docket and jacket for civil case 47-554 at Clerk's Office, SDNY, reflects this case was action for defanation and false charges brought by WILLIAM W. REMINGTON v. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, NBC and General Foods Corp. Neither jacket nor docket reflected that deposition from BENTLEY was among papers filed with court in this action. GODFREY P. SCHMIDT, Attorney, 12 E. 41st St., NYC, who represented BENTLEY in this action, telephonically advised instant date that on 9/7/49 a deposition was taken from BENTLEY with ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYES, now deceased, doing the questioning on behalf of REMINGTON. SCHMIDT stated he let HAYES question BENTLEY for about 45 minutes, at which time he told HAYES that none of the questions up to that point had been revelent to the matter at hand and he, SCHMIDT, would give him 15 minutes to come to the point or he would advise BENTLEY not to answer further questions. After about 15 minutes HAYES asked BENTLEY a question concerning her sexual relations while in Italy. SCHMIDT advised her not to answer this question and approximately 60 subsequent questions. HAYES threatened to bring BENTLEY into court to answer the questions, but this was never done. SCHMIDT states his records do not reflect that he was furnished with a copy of the deposition which HAYES would have had to do if he filed it with the court. It, therefore, appears that a deposition was not filed. No contact will be made with law firm of ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYES in effort to obtain copy of deposition, UACB.

ALEXANDER D. CALHOUN will be interviewed upon completion of file review as per WFO letter, 5/25/55.

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## Elizabeth Bentley Sued on Taxes

OPELOUSAS, La., June 9 (U). —The Federal Internal Revenue Service has filed a tax lien against Elizabeth Bentley, former Communist who turned government witness.

Records in the Clerk of Court's office here today showed the lien is for \$3,790 in unpaid taxes during 1951. Miss Bentley, who quit the Reds many years ago, is a teacher at the Sacred Heart College in near-by Grand Coeur.

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# Where Red-Spy Queen?

## Tripped Up

ONCE AGAIN a practitioner in the anti-Communist informer racket is exposed. This time it is Elizabeth Bentley who made headlines in Washington as the "Red Spy Queen" who "tells all. . ."

It was Bentley's lurid tales which sent Alger Hiss and William Remington to jail, the latter to death by bludgeon in a prison cell. It was Bentley's lies which blackened the reputation of former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Harry White and led to his untimely death. Many former government officers, high in the New Deal, had their careers ruined and their livelihood taken from them by her fantastic stories, told under oath.

And finally it was Bentley's testimony which played the decisive role in sending the Rosenbergs

to their death.

The undoing of Bentley came in a brief filed by Byron Scott, former New Deal Congressman from California, acting as attorney for William Henry Taylor, a former Treasury official who was once named by Bentley as a source of the "secrets" she allegedly transmitted to the USSR.

A synopsis of this brief was printed in the April issue of J. F. Stone's Weekly, showing the contradictions in Elizabeth Bentley's testimony and proving beyond doubt the woman's unreliability. Copies of Stone's Weekly can be secured from the publication's office, Room 205, 301 E. Capitol St., SE, Washington, D. C.

Excerpts from Stone's summary appear below:

**The Silvermaster Group:** In 1948 Miss Bentley told the House Un-American Activities Committee that the Silvermaster espionage group was organized in July, 1941, when Jacob Golos "told me he had received from Earl Browder the name of a man working for the U. S. government, who was interested in helping in getting information to Russia and who could organize a group of other employees to help in this work." Later the same day she said, "Mr. Silvermaster came to New York to see Mr. Golos at the behest of Earl Browder. . . ." But Browder entered Atlanta penitentiary for passport fraud in March, 1941, four months before Miss Bentley says the key incident occurred, and

was not released until May 1942!

**The Spies Who Paid Dues:** On her first public appearance before the Ferguson subcommittee of the Senate in 1948, Miss Bentley testified that she collected dues from the Silvermaster group and turned them over to Golos who took them "down to party headquarters, and brought me back receipts for each." After Golos died, "the money I took down to Mr. Earl Browder, and got receipts from him." From July, 1941, to May, 1942, Browder could not have been the recipient of dues, since he was in Atlanta penitentiary. "Whatever else the head of the then head of the American Communist Party was capable of doing," Taylor testified, "he certainly would not sit down

with Miss Bentley and write out receipts for each member's payments," and added, "Why receipts? Wasn't this supposed to be an espionage ring, operating in the dark and with the least possible evidence lying about?"

Browder was questioned about Miss Bentley under oath by the Tydings committee in 1950. He admitted knowing Miss Bentley as a stenographer-secretary but never as a member of the Communist Party. He denied that he had ever assigned or requested anyone to commit espionage or attempted in any way to obtain restricted information for the Soviet government "or any people . . . believed to be agents of the Soviet govern-

**'And for the Informers may there be no hope' — Jewish Prayer**

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ment." He was not indicted for perjury.

**Golos and the Perlo Group:** When the House Un-American Activities committee in 1948 asked her about the disposition of the party dues she claims to have collected from the members of the Perlo group, her reply was, "I turned them over to Mr. Golos dur-

ing his lifetime." She testified repeatedly, however, that she took the Perlo group over in March 1944. Golos died on Nov. 23, 1943, which was four or five months, according to her own statements, before she met Victor Perlo or any members of his group for the first time. This contradicts Attorney General Brownell's statement to the Jenner committee, "The information gathered from the Perlo group was channelled through Jacob M. Golos and onto the Soviet diplomatic establishment. . . ."

**Major Duncan Lee:** Miss Bentley said he was a Communist Party member "our most valuable source in the OSS . . . he paid his dues to me." (Senate, 1951, p. 413). Lee denied her charges and said he knew her as "Helen Grant," a business woman from New York. Taylor pointed out that in the FBI letter of Nov. 8, 1945, Miss Bentley named Lee as a member of the Silvermaster group; in the FBI memo of Nov. 27, 1945, she shifted him to the Perlo group; and in the 1948 House committee testimony she identified him as a sub-agent to Mary Price and thereafter as one of her unattached agents.

**The Doolittle Raid on Tokyo:** Miss Bentley testified to a Senate committee in 1949 that through William Ludwig Ullman, whom she described as then a Major in



**ELIZABETH BENTLEY**  
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the Air Corps at the Pentagon, she obtained advance information on the Doolittle raid on Tokyo. But this raid occurred on April 18, 1942, Ullman was still in the Treasury at that time and was not drafted until October, 1942.

**The Order of the Red Star:** The gist of the order of the Red Star story is simple. In recognition of her "extremely valuable services to the Soviet Union," Al (whom she later identified as Anatol Gromov, first secretary of the Soviet Embassy) had been sent to the U. S. "especially" to see and tell Miss Bentley that, by order of the Supreme Presidium of the USSR, a "great honor," which "few people receive" because it is "reserved for all our best fighters," had been conferred upon her. The ceremony of presentation was unostentatious. Al took a magazine clipping, in color, from his pocket and showed it to her. A couple of months later, Al showed up with the Red Star award itself in a box, let Miss Bentley look at it and also showed her a "little book" with her name inside, the honor certified, and the date. The medal entitled Miss Bentley to many privileges—the only one she cites is the freedom to ride street cars free. Al informed her that when she came to Moscow, she would be "wined and dined and treated like a princess." Unfortunately, Al took the medal away with him. . . . She doesn't even have the magazine clipping, in color. In 1948 Miss Bentley said the presentation was made in New

York while walking toward Riverside Drive (House, 1948, pp. 81-12). In 1951 she told a Senate committee the "presentation" was made in Taylor's restaurant in Washington (Sen., 1951, p. 254).

**The \$2,000 from "Al":** Miss Bentley claims that "Al" gave her \$2,000 on Oct. 17, 1945, at the corner of Fourth and Tenth Sts. in Greenwich Village, New York, that she was then "acting under instructions and in full cooperation with the FBI" and that she had "every reason to believe" the FBI watched the transaction take place. Taylor told the hearing board, "If this payment of \$2,000 was made by Gromov and observed by the FBI, it is curious that there was no mention of it, as far as is known, in the first three FBI reports dealing with Miss Bentley's activities—two in November 1945 and the third in February 1948. If the transaction had been scrutinized and verified, would it not have been highlighted as corroborative evidence in these reports?"

**D-Day:** Miss Bentley testified that she obtained the date of D-Day "long before D-Day happened" from Ullman "through his connections with Gen. Hilldring's office in the Air Corps." But Hilldring had no connection with the Air Corps, he was in Civil Affairs Division. Eisenhower himself only knew the date less than 24 hours in advance—the weather having made advance planning difficult ("Crusade in Europe," p. 250) and the Russians were kept fully notified since it was an allied operation.

### **Tax Lien Against Elizabeth Bentley**

OPELOUSAS, La., June 9.—The Federal Government has filed a \$3,790 tax lien against Elizabeth Bentley, leading informer, it was learned today.

According to records in the Clerk of Court's office, the lien was slapped on Miss Bentley for unpaid taxes in 1951.

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Re Bureau letter 5/27/55, Bureau air-tel 6/7/55, and  
my air-tel, 6/1/55.

Forwarded herewith are two Photostats of the pre-  
trial examination of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY taken on 9/7/49,  
requested by re Bureau air-tel and letter. It will be noted  
that this document consists of two sections covering the  
morning and afternoon sessions of the examination.

Information appearing in the docket of the case  
entitled, "U.S. v WILLIAM W. REMINGTON" (USDC, SDNY, Criminal  
No. 132-344) reflects that this deposition was in the  
possession of WILLIAM C. CHANLER, Attorney for REMINGTON  
during his first trial on perjury charges. On 11/13/50,  
USA IRVING SAYPOL obtained a subpoena duces tecum directed  
to CHANLER requiring him to produce the deposition before the  
Grand Jury, SDNY. CHANLER filed a motion on 11/14/50 asking  
that the subpoena be quashed but the motion was denied by  
Judge JOHN W. CLANCY.

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WILL ELIZABETH BENTLEY TAKE THE STAND?

# Why They Shield 'Spy Queen'

By ERIK BERT

WASHINGTON.

IN JULY 1952, Andrew N. Overby, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Frank A. Southard, Jr., Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, argued and pled with officials of the International Monetary Fund here to force the resignation or dismissal of William Henry Taylor, who had been employed by the fund since 1946.

Overby and Southard had each been, at times either an associate or superior officer to Taylor in the Treasury Dept., each had aided in the advancement of his career, each had been his friend.

On the eve of the national election, on Nov. 3, 1952, John W. Snyder, then Secretary of the Treasury, demanded in a letter to the managing director of the Fund, that Taylor be fired.

On July 17, 1953, George M. Humphrey, who had succeeded Snyder as Secretary of the Treasury, associated himself with Snyder's earlier proposals and demanded that Taylor be fired.

All of these demands that Taylor be fired ran up against the resistance of the Fund officials who had taken the position that any recommendation that Taylor be fired should be accompanied by specific information as to charges.

TO THIS Snyder answered that data gathered by the investigative and intelligence agencies of the U. S. government could not be made available to officials outside the U. S. government, that is, officials of the Fund.

Taylor has asked himself the question: Why have "two Secretaries of the Treasury, an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General (Herbert Brownell), the Director of the FBI (J. Edgar Hoover) and at least three Sena-

tors, been after my scalp?"

The answer that he came up with is that as long as he is employed by a quasi-governmental agency, the frameup structure built up as part of the cold war, is in danger of collapse.

"I happen to be the last of many people, connected with the government during the war years, who have been under attack as having named by Miss (Elizabeth) Bentley, who remains in public service."

TAYLOR, in his brief to the International Organization Employees Loyalty Board, recounts the fate of those who were framed by the Department of Justice, the FBI, Congressional committees, the press, and Bentley:

"Some of those she has named are dead (White, Remington); some have answered all questions and gone abroad to escape further vilification (Currier, Adler); others have answered all questions and retired to private life (Lee, Miller, the Golds); others have answered fully at one time but when recalled have invoked the Fifth Amendment (Coe, Glassner); others have taken the Fifth Amendment on some questions consistently (Silvermaster, Ullman, Perlo).

"For whatever reason, all of these people have resigned from or been forced out of public life," Taylor said.

But Taylor remains, employed by a quasi-governmental agency.

THE BRIEF which he submit-

ted to the board, which was created by President Eisenhower in 1953 and given sole authority over inquiries into the loyalty of American citizens employed by the UN, including the International Monetary Fund, is convincing evidence that certain government officials are not interested in him "as a suspect but as a symbol."

The brief is an exhaustive study of the false testimony of Elizabeth Bentley and of the implicity of the Department of Justice.

"As long as I remain in Washington employed by an international agency I am a constant reminder of the failure of those same

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authorities to persuade a grand jury to accept the Bentley story.

"I am visible evidence of the weakness of their charge of twenty years of treason."

Since they have not been able to get Taylor fired they have seen to it that the "spy" plot smears which Elizabeth Bentley spread years ago are kept warmed up. Chief operator in this enterprise is Senator James O. Eastland, chairman of the Senate Judiciary internal security subcommittee. In its latest report to the Judiciary Committee, on its activities for the year 1954, the Eastland subcommittee renewed the charge that Taylor had been involved in an "underground" plot.

Former New Deal Congressman, Byron N. Scott, attorney for Taylor, has demanded that his client be given the right to cross-examine Miss Bentley. Eastland has refused. Once Miss Bentley gets on the stand, under cross-examination, anything can happen, he fears.

THE LATEST issue of the "Report from Washington," published by the Washington staff of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, predicts that "two more 'old pros' among the anti-Communist witnesses will do a Matusow."

Eastland can't be sure it won't be Elizabeth Bentley. Nor can Brownell, or Hoover.

That is why they want to continue the smear and dodge the cross-examination of their spy queen.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : ASAC WILLIAM G. SIMON

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At 2:22 p.m., 7/28/55, Mr. EDWARD TULLY of the Bureau called and stated that the Bureau desired clarification of the following points:

1. The date of SA BUCKLEY's memo. The Bureau has the date of 11/13/45, but they wish this to be verified.

2. The Bureau desires the exact quote from BUCKLEY's memo in connection with BUCKLEY's statement that BENTLEY was finally persuaded to furnish information on Russian espionage. Supervisor MC ANDREWS has been requested to ascertain this information and to telephone the information to Mr. TULLY at the Bureau.

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SA THOMAS O. SPENCER

FORMER NY INFORMANTS  
ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

It is to be noted that the identities of the above-captioned former New York Informants may be revealed.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY should be characterized as "a former Soviet courier who has furnished reliable information in the past".

CHAMBERS should be characterized as "a former self-admitted CP member and espionage agent".

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SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY

DATE: 7/28/55

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ASAC WILLIAM G. SIMON (134-182)

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SAC, New York (134-182)  
ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY

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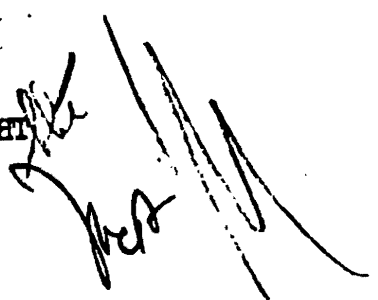
Inspector CARL HENNRICH, who made referenced Bureau phone call, requested that this office answer the following questions in connection with captioned case:

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A review of the files in this office reveals that former SA FRANK ALDRICH interviewed ELIZABETH BENTLEY on 10/16/45 in connection with the case entitled, "LT. PETER HELLER; IMPERSONATION; ESPIONAGE - R". The memo of former SA ALDRICH was typed on 11/5/45. It should be noted that the memo of former SA ALDRICH contained no information concerning a meet between BENTLEY and Russian Agent GROMOV scheduled for 10/17/45. ALDRICH's memo reflects that he telephonically advised SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY of this office of the interview with BENTLEY at the NYO concerning the HELLER case. The memo of former Agent ALDRICH does not state when he notified Agent BUCKLEY and the latter has no recollection when he received word from former SA ALDRICH; however, Agent BUCKLEY remembers former SA ALDRICH advising him of the interview with BENTLEY. As a result of the information furnished by ALDRICH that BENTLEY may possess information concerning possible Russian Espionage activities in this country and since BENTLEY left a phone number where she could be reached with ALDRICH, Agent BUCKLEY made several unsuccessful attempts to telephonically contact Miss BENTLEY.

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A review of the files in this office reveals that SA BUCKLEY prepared a memo dated 11/13/45 captioned, "ELIZABETH TERRELL BUCKLEY, was; ET AL; ESPIONAGE-R". This memo reflects, in substance, as follows:

After several unsuccessful attempts to telephonically contact Miss BENTLEY at the phone number she gave, MURRAY Hill 3-9775, phone number of the U.S. Service and Shipping Corp., Agent BUCKLEY was able to reach her on 11/6/45 and made an appointment to interview her at the NYO, 11/7/45. This memo further states at the time this appointment was made Miss BENTLEY told Agent BUCKLEY that she was upset and had a great deal on her mind and that she was undecided whether she should mention the information in her possession to the writer. Agent BUCKLEY explained to Miss BENTLEY on the phone that if she had any information regarding un-American activities this Bureau should know about the same and that if she allowed Agent BUCKLEY to speak with her he could possibly offer her some assistance and guidance.

Agent BUCKLEY's memo of 11/13/45 further reflects that on 11/7/45 Miss BENTLEY was interviewed at the NYO. Agent BUCKLEY can recall Miss BENTLEY making the remark when she appeared at the NYO on 11/7/45 that she was informed at her office that someone had been trying to get in touch with her several times. She stated that she was not at her office because she was ill with a cold or the flu for a period of time and also she was involved in some moving transaction.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY did come into the NYO voluntarily as a result of Agent BUCKLEY's phone call invitation.

The only other information available concerning BENTLEY's visit to the NYO on 10/16/45 other than appears in former SA ALDRICH's memo is the memo of Agent BUCKLEY dated 11/13/45 referred to above.

Agent BUCKLEY's memo of 11/13/45, mentioned above, further reveals that since Miss BENTLEY appeared at the NYO she was persuaded to give information in her possession regarding Russian Espionage Activities and she finally consented she would explain all the information in her possession to the interviewing agents. As a result a detailed statement was taken from Miss BENTLEY concerning Russian Espionage activities in this country on 11/7/45.

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The possibility exists that BENTLEY, as a result of her appearance at the New Haven Office on 8/23/45 and her subsequent visit to the NYO on 10/16/45, may have gained the impression that she was under surveillance by agents of this Bureau.

However, no surveillance was conducted of Miss BENTLEY until after she appeared at the NYO on 11/7/45. This office had no knowledge of any contact between ELIZABETH BENTLEY and Russian Espionage Agent GROMOV prior to 11/7/45. It should be noted that the memo of former SA FRANK ALDRICH dated 11/5/45 makes no mention of a scheduled meeting between BENTLEY and GROMOV and therefore Agent BUCKLEY had no knowledge of any such meeting until his interview with BENTLEY on 11/7/45.

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SAC, New York

8/11/55

SA THOMAS J. McANDREWS (

EDWARD J. FITZGERALD

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At 2:15 P.M., 8/11/55, I was in telephonic contact with ASAC A. J. Rushing, New Haven, concerning captioned matter.

Mr. Rushing advised that ELIZABETH BENTLEY, who has recently been quite upset about income tax litigation, was to be interviewed today by New Haven Office in connection with an SGE case. She telephonically contacted New Haven Office and advised that a Deputy United States Marshal had served a subpoena, returnable in the Southern District of NY, 8/18/55, in the captioned matter. Miss Bentley told ASAC Rushing she did not know what the case was about other than that it was a criminal proceeding. The subpoena had been issued by Attorney MILTON FRIEDMAN, who is attorney for FITZGERALD.

I told ASAC Rushing I knew nothing about any plans of the defense in this matter to subpoena BENTLEY. By way of background, I advised him that the Department had called FITZGERALD before a Grand Jury in NY, requested him to testify about the SILVERMASTER case, and offered him immunity. When FITZGERALD refused to accept immunity, a move was made to cite him for contempt under the Immunity Statute. I told ASAC Rushing that the arguments on the Order to Show Cause had been scheduled for the morning of 8/11/55, but that upon agreement of both government and defense, this argument had been continued until 8/13/55. The Government's Order to Show Cause is a motion to have FITZGERALD indicate by argument that he should not be cited for contempt for failure to accept the immunity and testify as requested. I suggested ASAC Rushing might desire to immediately communicate his information concerning the receipt of the subpoena by BENTLEY to the Bureau. Mr. Rushing indicated he would do so.

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# Challenge to 'Spy Queen' Punches New Holes in Paid Informer Setup

WASHINGTON.

BYRON SCOTT, former Democratic Congressman from California, has launched what may prove to be the biggest expose of the Department of Justice's system of in-

former perjury since the recantation of Harvey Matusow. He has demanded, on behalf of his client, William Henry Taylor, an employe of the International Monetary Fund, that Elizabeth Bentley, "spy queen" in the FBI hive, be put on the witness stand and cross-examined.

Scott made the demand that Taylor be "accorded his right to face Miss Bentley and any other accusers, if they exist," under the Sixth Amendment.

The Sixth Amendment provides that "The accused shall enjoy the right . . . to be confronted with the witnesses against him."

MISS BENTLEY is one of the group described in aggrieved tones recently by S. A. Andretta, administrative assistant attorney general. In testimony before the House of Representatives appropriations subcommittee last February, but which has just been made public, Andretta said:

"On expert witnesses, we have to negotiate with them and shop around." He asked that the \$175,000 appropriation for paying them off be increased, "because that expert witness business is really killing when you consider the rates which these fellows charge today."

In support of his demand that Miss Bentley be put on the stand and cross-examined, Scott cited two instances in which he charges Bentley contradicted herself.

She told the Internal Security subcommittee, on one occasion, that "Bill Taylor" and Lud Ullman gave her material or government documents.

She told the Senate Investigation subcommittee, in executive session, on Oct. 21, 1953 that she had never met personally the William Taylor about whom she gave derogatory information to FBI and to congressional committees.



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Furthermore, she also swore in a deposition taken by Scott on July 26, 1954, that she had never seen William Henry Taylor before May 17, 1954 when Scott and Taylor took a deposition from her in Opelousas, Louisiana.

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cited by Scott concerns Miss Bentley's stories as to when and how she got in contact with the FBI and began to service it.

In 1948 she testified before House and Senate committees that her first visit to the FBI was in New Haven on Aug. 21 or 22, 1945, and that she then told the FBI the whole "espionage" story which she spread on the record of congressional hearings.

She also told the House Un-American Activities Committee that she met her Russian "contact," called "Al," on Oct. 17, 1945, in obedience to FBI instructions, and that she had every reason to believe that the FBI had observed the whole transaction by

shadowing the meeting.

But the FBI itself had said that it never heard of her until Nov. 7 or 8, 1945, not on Aug. 21 or 22, 1945, in New Haven, nor in the meeting with "Al" on Oct. 17, 1945.

Therefore, Scott says, "Miss Bentley couldn't have been under FBI orders for her meeting with her contact on Oct. 17."

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WHILE SCOTT'S demand for a cross-examination of Bentley was made directly to James O. Eastland, chairman of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee who had participated in the smearing of Taylor, the Department of Justice is on the spot.

As a result of the Bentley testimony, in 1947, that Taylor was involved in a Communist underground espionage ring, he has been subjected to "suspicion, unfavorable publicity, and harassment by government agencies" since that time, Scott said. He has been "forced to appear, always in secret, before Federal Grand Juries, Congressional committees, and a loyalty board where his case has been pending since September of 1953. Twice concerted efforts have been made to have him dismissed from his position on the International Monetary fund."

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SA THOMAS J. McANDREWS

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At approximately 4:00 P.M., 8/15/55, Asst. Dir. A.H. Belmont, Bureau, telephonically contacted the writer and asked to be advised of any information concerning efforts on the part of the government to quash subpoenas issued to ELIZABETH BENTLEY; Attorney General Brownell; and Director J. Edgar Hoover.

SA Joseph Bush contacted Frank Taylor, Departmental Attorney handling this matter, who advised that he was preparing an Order to Show Cause why the subpoenas should not be quashed; that this order to show cause would be complete on 8/16/55, and he would endeavor to have it signed by Judge Lawrence Walsh, SDNY, and that it would be made returnable on Wednesday, 8/17/55.

The above information was furnished to Mr. Belmont and was subsequently confirmed by teletype to the Bureau, 8/15/55. The matter will be followed continuously by SA Bush with Mr. Taylor, and the Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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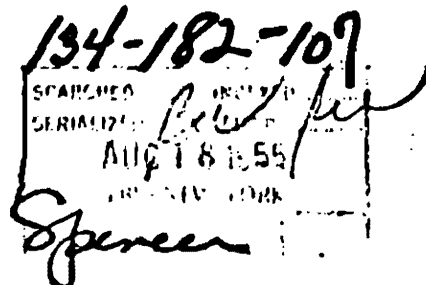
At approximately 11:45 A.M., 8/17/55, I telephonically contacted the office of Assistant to the Director L. V. Boardman and gave the following information to his secretary, Wilma Jess.

Judge Lawrence Walsh orally advised, at the completion of arguments on the motion to quash the subpoenas served on the Director, the Attorney General, and ELIZABETH BENTLEY, that the subpoenas were vacated inasmuch as the issues raised by the subpoenas were not germane to the instant case. Judge Walsh, in response to a request by the defense, indicated he would accept memoranda from them, if they desired to submit memoranda, but that his position was final in this matter. In short, the above means the AG, Director, and BENTLEY do not have to appear in response to the subpoenas.

The above information was also given to Mr. William Cleveland at the Bureau.

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## Elizabeth Bentley, FBI Spy Queen, Subpenaed at Behest of Fitzgerald

Elizabeth Bentley, key FBI informer who 10 years ago accused some eighty persons of espionage, will be asked to prove her charges against one of them, Edward J. Fitzgerald, former New Deal official, in federal court here next week. Fitzgerald is the first of the persons alleged to have been spies by Miss Bentley who will have an opportunity to confront her and subject her to cross-examination in open court.

Miss Bentley was subpoenaed at her summer home in Madison, Conn., by Deputy U. S. Marshal Slatery of New Haven. The subpoena was issued in connection with the government's current effort to cite Fitzgerald for contempt under the new Compulsory Testimony Act. Fitzgerald has contended that he cannot defend himself without the opportunity to cross examine his accuser, Miss Bentley, as well as Attorney General Herbert J. Brownell and FBI

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director J. Edgar Hoover, for whom subpoenas have been issued. They have been asked to appear in federal court in New York on Thursday morning, Aug. 18.

"I am very lappy," Fitzgerald commented, "that at long last we have succeeded in forcing Miss Bentley to come into court and to put up or shut up."

"I will prove through the sworn testimony of these witnesses," Fitzgerald said, "that Brownell's offer of immunity from prosecution for a crime I did not commit is a hoax on the court and on the American people. This is no spy hunt. It is a contemptible attempt

to set a perjury trap. I will prove through Brownell himself that he knows I have never been a spy and have no knowledge of wartime espionage, or any other espionage for that matter."

Fitzgerald added that he had written the Attorney General on July 29th to this effect but had received no reply.

"Brownell," Fitzgerald asserted, "cannot hide behind the fiction that he is relying on information furnished by Hoover and Bentley. I am convinced that neither Bentley nor Hoover can give any credible testimony concerning this alleged spy ring."

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Reference is made to Bureau letter to New Haven, dated 6/23/55, captioned as above, wherein it was requested that the New Haven Office contact ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY at her summer residence in Madison, Connecticut, to determine whether she had additional comments to make concerning the allegations set forth in the statement of WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, dated 3/24/55.

Miss BENTLEY was interviewed by SAs SALVATORE F. BUCIARELLA and JOHN J. WARD, Jr., on July 6, 7 and 13, 1955. Her comments as obtained during this series of interviews concerning the TAYLOR charges, are set forth below and they are set forth in the same sequence as the charges appear in TAYLOR's statement. The captions are the same as those appearing in the TAYLOR statement, to facilitate the review in instant matter.

Introduction:

Question regarding identity of WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR as "Bill" TAYLOR, member of SILVERMASTER group.

In the introduction to his statement, TAYLOR, pointing out that BENTLEY has testified that she never met him personally, alleges that he does not qualify as the individual referred to by BENTLEY as "Bill" TAYLOR. He states that BENTLEY said that "Bill" TAYLOR in her network had been on a mission to Portugal, whereas WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR states he had never been in Portugal in his life; he cites BENTLEY's testimony that "Bill" TAYLOR was a native born American, whereas WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR was born a British subject of Canadian ancestry and became a naturalized American citizen. TAYLOR also alleges conflict in ELIZABETH BENTLEY's

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testimony in stating on the one hand that she had never met TAYLOR and on the other hand citing testimony that in response to a question as to who gave certain documents to her, she stated that "LUD ULLMAN and "Bill" TAYLOR gave them to her".

BENTLEY stated that it is a fact that she never met the "BILL" TAYLOR involved in the SILVERMASTER group and she never said she met him. He was handled by SILVERMASTER and/or ULLMAN. Such information as she has furnished to assist in the identification of "Bill" TAYLOR, was information or impressions which she received from SILVERMASTER and/or ULLMAN. Thus the impression that the "Bill" TAYLOR in question had been in Portugal and the impression that he was a Native American, were gained from information gleaned from SILVERMASTER and ULLMAN. She stated it was never necessary for her to inquire into TAYLOR's place of birth and she does not recall that it ever came up for discussion.

In connection with the testimony that she had obtained certain documents from LUD ULLMAN and "Bill" TAYLOR, as cited in the TAYLOR statement, she stated that it was not her intention to convey the impression that TAYLOR had handed it to her personally, on the contrary, it was to identify TAYLOR as the source of the material and that such material had been transmitted to her through ULLMAN.

Miss BENTLEY said she could add nothing to the information she has already furnished the Bureau concerning the identity of "Bill" TAYLOR and that the question as to the identity of "Bill" TAYLOR as WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR is one which can be resolved only by investigation. She thought perhaps the "Bill" TAYLOR in question was in a car pool with ULLMAN or others in the SILVERMASTER group and that he played hand-ball with ULLMAN or others in the SILVERMASTER group. She thought this might be of assistance in establishing the identity.



(1) Gales and the Perle Group:

In the TAYLOR statement, an ostensible conflict in BENTLEY's testimony is cited, namely, she testified that she took over the Perle Group in March, 1944 and at the same time, testified that she turned over dues collected from members of this group to SOLOS during his lifetime. It is pointed out that SOLOS died in November, 1943.

Miss BENTLEY stated that in this testimony, she was speaking of dues in general and not limiting her testimony to members of the Perle Group. All the dues which she collected prior to SOLOS' death, she turned over to him, but since she did not take the Perle Group over until after SOLOS' death, she certainly could not have given the dues of this group to SOLOS. The transcript if correct, simply shows a misunderstanding of the question.

(2) RDX:

The TAYLOR statement alleges that the formula for an explosive, known as RDX, was, according to the Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, discovered in 1899 and used on a large scale by all major participants during World War II and thus doubts BENTLEY's testimony that her Soviet superiors sought the formula. The TAYLOR statement states RDX was no secret.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she does not know whether RDX was a classified formula, nor does she know whether it was a generally well known formula. She stated regardless of what its status may have been, her Soviet superiors sought information concerning it. She could not recall whether the information was originally sought by the network superior or whether ULLMAN suggested that it might be of interest. In either event, the Russians came back with an inquiry on it and she has a distinct recollection of having had more than one session with ULLMAN on the subject of this formula and a distinct recollection that ULLMAN described it as "secret".

(Ed: The suggestion has been made that the RDX process was one of the targets sought by ALFRED DEAN BLACK, convicted of Espionage on behalf of a Soviet network).

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(3) Major Duncan Lee:

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue of Miss BENTLEY's alleged conflict in testimony concerning the network affiliation of DUNCAN LEE. It notes that the earliest FBI communications in November, 1945, identified LEE as a member of the SILVERMASTER group and later of the Perle group and subsequent testimony has identified him as an unattached agent and as a sub-agent of MARY PRICE.

Miss BENTLEY stated it was quite understandable that with the mass of information furnished during the initial interviews in November, 1945, that some of the network affiliations should have been misunderstood and misinterpreted. She stated that LEE, to her knowledge, was never a member of the SILVERMASTER or PERLO groups and that her testimony in this connection has been consistent. She stated that MARY PRICE and LEE had an affair prior to the time that she took LEE over and it was because LEE and PRICE had fallen out that she came into the picture. During her association with LEE, LEE was unattached to any network, although he may have had connections with BOB MILLER.

(4) Nationality Or Origin Of U. S. Government  
Officials Named By Miss Bentley:

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue of testimony given by Miss BENTLEY before a Senate Committee in 1949, wherein she stated that with the exception of the SILVERMASTERS, the members of her network were native born citizens. The TAYLOR statement alleges that at least ten of the persons identified by BENTLEY were not native born.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she had no occasion to inquire into the national origin of the members of her network. On the basis of impressions that she had received from SILVERMASTER and WILMAN, she assumed that the network members were native born Americans, an assumption which she probably should not have made.

(5) Gaik Badalovich Ovakimian:

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue of a passage in BENTLEY's book, Out Of Bondage, wherein she relates that SOLOS gave her a copy of the "New York Times" which announced the arrest of a Russian named OVAKIMIAN, accompanied by a photograph of that individual. The passage states that SOLOS said, "That's the man I have been in contact with". The TAYLOR statement cited BENTLEY's testimony that she had no personal knowledge of what SOLOS did with the information he collected. The TAYLOR statement also reports that its investigation reflects that no photograph of OVAKIMIAN was published in the "New York Times".

Miss BENTLEY acknowledged that some of the passages in her book are slightly colored for literary effect, but states that this particular passage is authentic. She cannot account for the fact that the picture of OVAKIMIAN does not appear in the "New York Times" accounts of the OVAKIMIAN arrest. She said she had a distinct recollection that SOLOS told her he had seen OVAKIMIAN's picture in connection with the story of his arrest and it was through his recognition of the photograph that SOLOS determined that OVAKIMIAN was identical with his contact.

Miss BENTLEY suggested the picture may have appeared in a New York paper other than the "Times" and may have appeared only in an early edition. In addition, she stated that SOLOS read a great number of papers, both foreign and American and the photograph might have been in one of those papers.

To emphasize her certainty in connection with this incident, she stated she feels the reason SOLOS told her of his findings was that he felt the FBI had, in all probability established the connection between OVAKIMIAN and SOLOS and hence, BENTLEY should take precautions, since the FBI would probably be checking on her.

Miss BENTLEY conceded that SOLOS may have known OVAKIMIAN's identity through other sources. She also noted that this incident does not conflict with her testimony. Although SOLOS may have had contacts with OVAKIMIAN and thus was fearful that OVAKIMIAN's arrest would lead to SOLOS and BENTLEY, she had no knowledge that SOLOS actually delivered Espionage material to OVAKIMIAN.

(6) Deolittle Raid on Tokyo:

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue of Miss BENTLEY's testimony relative to information developed by her network through LEONID ULMAN on B-29 raids on Japan. Her testimony contains an apparent conflict - when in the middle of her testimony concerning the B-29 raids, one of the members of the Committee asked her if her network had information on the Deolittle raid on Tokyo. The statement points out that the Deolittle raid occurred in 1942 prior to ULMAN's assignment in the Air Corps which gave him access to such material.

Miss BENTLEY explained that her testimony concerned the B-29 raids on Japan. It was these raids late in 1944 concerning which ULMAN was able to procure information. The raids occurred subsequent to her last contact with ULMAN, but he had been able to get the information some time in advance of the raids, which were, according to her understanding, somewhat delayed for technical reasons. In the midst of her testimony concerning the B-29 raids, a member of the Committee interjected a question concerning the Deolittle raid. Not knowing any different, she assumed the Deolittle raid was one of the B-29 raids, hence her testimony. As a matter of fact, she stated, she did not receive any information concerning the 1942 Deolittle raid, or at least none under the circumstances as stated in her testimony concerning the B-29 raids.

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue that since Miss BENTLEY has testified that she last contacted ULMAN in September, 1944 and the B-29 raids on Tokyo occurred two months hence, she is inconsistent. The statement also considers it inconsistent that she referred to him as "Major" in her testimony when he had not achieved that rank in September, 1944.

Miss BENTLEY, as pointed out above, said that ULMAN had information that the B-29 raids were going to be staged sometime in advance of their actual carrying out and he furnished information on some of the reasons why they were to be delayed.

With respect to ULMAN's rank, Miss BENTLEY stated that when she last had a network contact with him, he was a Captain. Subsequently she learned that he had been promoted to Major and thus in her testimony thereafter, she referred to him as a Major.

**(7) D-Day**

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue of BENTLEY's testimony wherein she states that LUDWIG ULLMAN learned through connections he had with General HILDRING's office the date of D-Day long before it happened. The TAYLOR statement alleges that the date was not known to even the highest U.S. military leaders twenty-four hours in advance. It is also alleged that Miss BENTLEY fabricated when she stated that ULLMAN obtained such information from General HILDRING's office "in the Air Corps".

Miss BENTLEY stated her recollection is clear that ULLMAN determined in advance the date D-Day was contemplated. It may have been not the exact date of the invasion, but was close enough so that ULLMAN won a pool on the information. She cannot now recall just how far in advance ULLMAN had this information, perhaps it was only two to four days.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she never said or meant to suggest that HILDRING was in the Air Corps. A review of the testimony cited in the TAYLOR statement reflects that Miss BENTLEY did not state General HILDRING was in the Air Corps. She merely affirmed a statement made by Committee Counsel, Mr. STRIPLING, which referred back to testimony given a few moments earlier by Miss BENTLEY, at which time she stated that ULLMAN was in the Pentagon with the Air Corps and through his connections with General HILDRING's office he had learned the date...The Committee Counsel appears to have implied from this that General HILDRING was in the Air Corps. (HCUA, 1948, pages 562 and 560)

It is of interest to note that in testimony before the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization of the Senate in 1949, Miss BENTLEY testified that WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN had an "in" to General HILDRING's office "which was then handling what the Army would do about Germany". (Senate 1949, page 119)

**(8) EARL BROWDER and Espionage**

The TAYLOR statement alleges that Miss BENTLEY could not have testified correctly in stating that EARL BROWDER put GOLOS in touch with SILVERMASTER since BROWDER was in prison in July 1941 when, according to Miss BENTLEY, the SILVERMASTER network was established.

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Miss BENTLEY stated that BROWDER and SILVERMASTER had known each other from at least 1934 when they had met, though probably not for the first time, during a strike on the West Coast. SILVERMASTER and BROWDER presumably had been in contact with each other after SILVERMASTER entered Government service in Washington. She stated that when SILVERMASTER went to Washington he was under instructions from BROWDER not to participate in any Communist Party activities, even underground activity, in order to preserve himself for future usefulness. She described him as a "sleeper". Thus, even though BROWDER was in prison, SILVERMASTER had instructions enabling him to contact SOLOS, whom he had known previously from at least the early 1930's. The contact between SOLOS and SILVERMASTER was certainly not one which was developed on the spur of the moment, but rather was part of a long range plan which was to be placed into effect when the need arose and time right.

The TAYLOR statement doubts the truth of Miss BENTLEY's assertion that she passed political type information to BROWDER and turned over dues to him after SOLOS' death. The statement asserts that BROWDER was in prison until May 1942 and thus could not have received information up to that time and subsequent to that period since she testified the information obtained from her network was placed on microfilm and that unless BROWDER had a laboratory to develop the film, etc., he would not have been able to receive the information.

Miss BENTLEY stated that until SOLOS' death in November 1941, he handled the transmission of information to BROWDER and to the network superiors. After SOLOS' death, knowing of this arrangement between SOLOS and BROWDER, she saw to it that BROWDER received non-military, political information. With respect to the microfilm aspect she stated in the first place not all the information she received was microfilmed. Some of it was received at the last minute and there was no opportunity to microfilm it. Such material was abstracted or copied and turned over to her in that state. In addition, when she received microfilm from ULLMAN and SILVERMASTER it was always accompanied by an outline for her information stating the nature of the documents involved. This was done to insure that should some of the film be of poor quality and should it be desired by the network superiors to have that particular information, it would be possible to locate the original documents again. Finally,



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SILVERMASTER and WILLIAM frequently discussed the type of material that was being furnished to her on a given contact. Therefore, BENTLEY stated she could usually furnish BROOKER either abstracted or copied documents or give him an oral briefing on information which was being passed to the Russians.

With respect to dues, after SCOR'S death she had to do something with the dues which she was collecting and she took them to BROOKER. At some later date BROOKER gave her receipts which she transmitted back to those who paid the dues.

The TAYLOR statement refers to the testimony of Miss BENTLEY in which she testified that she was BROOKER's superior in intelligence matters.

Miss BENTLEY commented that whereas BROOKER was the head of the Communist Party as such, he was obliged to accept instructions from the Soviet intelligence service and to comply with any demands made upon him. From this standpoint, therefore, Miss BENTLEY stated BROOKER was her subordinate.

(9) When Did Miss Bentley First Advise the FBI of Her Activities?

The TAYLOR statement makes no issue as to what extent Miss BENTLEY disclosed the full facts to the FBI in her contact with the New Haven Office in August 1945 and as to whether she acted under FBI guidance when she accepted the \$2,000 sum in the course of her meeting with SCOROV on October 17, 1945.

Miss BENTLEY testifies that it was not until November 7, 1945 that she began to give detailed account of her association with Soviet intelligence. Her earlier contact with the FBI beginning in the latter part of August 1945 at New Haven was a 'feeling out' process. She had been trying for months previously to bring herself to the point of going to the FBI, but had been restrained from fear that her network superiors had a surveillance on her which feeling combined with an unwillingness that the FBI might be infiltrated like many agencies of the government of which she was aware, resulted in indecision.

The PETER MILLER incident afforded her an entrance in her contact with the FBI and although she realized during the interview at New Haven that she was not making the true significance

of her visit perfectly clear, it gave her an opportunity to refer to her contact with the Russians and an opportunity to indicate to the FBI that she might be of assistance. Her contact with the New York Office followed, as she hoped it would. An illness of three weeks duration delayed the contact by that length of time. The matter was further complicated by the fact that she changed her residence on her return to New York without notification. However, a preliminary contact with an agent took place on the day before her scheduled meeting with GROMOV on October 17, 1945. In the course of this contact with the agent she still could not bring herself to open up fully, but she spoke of the scheduled meeting with a Russian the following day and it was suggested to her that she not do anything to interrupt her relationship. On this basis she has testified that she was acting under FBI guidance when she met GROMOV the following day and on which day GROMOV gave her the \$2,000. She stated that she has no way of knowing as she has indicated in her testimony many times whether the FBI observed her meeting on that day.

(10) Miss BENTLEY's Relationship With "AL"

With respect to her relationship with AL (GROMOV), the TAYLOR statement seeks to cast doubt upon the incident wherein GROMOV turned over to her \$2,000 in cash and upon her being awarded the Red Star. In the latter matter the TAYLOR statement makes no attempt to refute the facts except to allege a conflict in the date when GROMOV first broached the subject. The principal issue raised by the TAYLOR statement with respect to the \$2,000 appears to be whether the FBI observed this transaction.

Miss BENTLEY's statements concerning the above are that she has no way of knowing whether the FBI did observe her meeting with GROMOV on October 17, 1945, but as indicated above, feels that such might have been the case in view of her contact with an agent on October 16, 1945. With respect to the date on which the subject of the award of the Red Star was broached by GROMOV, she said that this came up during two or more meetings with GROMOV subsequent to November 7, 1945. For literary purposes the publishers of Out of Bondage condensed these discussions, hence, the book is not as factual as the information which she has supplied to the FBI. Some of the alleged conflicts as cited by the TAYLOR statement in connection with the above matters referred to articles which appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.



and The Freeman. Miss BENTLEY stated that she cannot accept responsibility for anything which appeared in those articles since she had nothing to do with their preparation.

(11) Allied Military Mark Currency

The TAYLOR statement seeks to cast doubt upon Miss BENTLEY's testimony with respect to her having obtained samples of the money which was to be used in Occupied Germany, the so-called Allied Military Mark Currency, alleging mainly that it was unnecessary for the Russians to obtain samples of this currency since the whole program was out in the open and the plates themselves made available through legitimate diplomatic channels. It is noted that many of the points raised in the TAYLOR statement in this connection are based upon an article which appeared in The Freeman on November 17, 1952.

Miss BENTLEY stated she had no way of knowing what was taking place in diplomatic channels with respect to providing Russia with the plates for the Allied Military Mark Currency. Her recollection is clear and specific that her superior, "BILL", asked her to obtain specimens of the currency and that such were obtained and transmitted to her superior in New York and were returned. When the specimens were returned, instructions were received that pressure should be applied to get the plates made available to Russia. She had no follow-up request on this and assumes that it was handled to the satisfaction of the Russians.

Miss BENTLEY stated again that she cannot accept responsibility for anything which appeared in The Freeman article of November 17, 1952 and she has no knowledge whatsoever of its appearance or its authenticity. Similarly, she disassociated herself from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch article referred to in this connection.

(12) Some Other Examples

(A) On Espionage in the United States

The TAYLOR statement suggests that Miss BENTLEY grossly exaggerated by estimating there were a total of "around between 80 and 90 thousand" Communist espionage agents in the United States.

Miss BENTLEY stated that she never estimated that there were 80,000 to 90,000 "Communist Espionage Agents" in the United States. She merely stated that it has been estimated and stated

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publicly that there were at one time 80,000 to 90,000 members of the Communist Party, any one of whom might be approached for an espionage task and would have to comply under Party discipline.

(B) On Higher Education

The TAYLOR statement quotes Miss BENTLEY as testifying that courses in American Government were not taught at Columbia University and cites her repudiation of this testimony in a subsequent deposition.

Miss BENTLEY stated that the transcript quoted in the TAYLOR statement relating to the absence of courses on American Government at Columbia University is inaccurate. She stated she did not testify that there were not courses in American Government at that University. Probably what she stated was she didn't take such a course at Columbia.

(C) The Refining of GOLD

The TAYLOR statement cites Miss BENTLEY for testifying concerning WILLIAM GOLD whereas his true name is RHA.

Miss BENTLEY stated that since this individual was referred to as BILL GOLD, she assumed his given name was WILLIAM.

(D) On the Proper Use of Names

The TAYLOR statement alleges that Miss BENTLEY incorrectly identified her former company as the United States Service and Shipping Corporation.

Miss BENTLEY stated the transcript of her testimony in this connection is incorrect. She would never have so testified because there was another company of that name which she well knew and which had caused some confusion when her company was named U.S. Service and Shipping Corporation.

(E) On a TV Program

The TAYLOR statement makes an issue of a statement by Miss BENTLEY that she was unable to remember all the testimony she had given, this being in response to a question as to whether she had testified during an Executive Session of a Committee Hearing concerning LESTER PEARSON.

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Miss BENTLEY stated that the problem here was whether she was authorized to disclose on a TV program what she had testified to in an Executive Session. She had been instructed by ROBERT MORRIS, then counsel for the committee in question to duck the question if it arose, hence she gave an evasive answer.

The TAYLOR statement also refers to testimony given by Miss BENTLEY wherein she allegedly identified one of the members of the PERLO group as "Mr. CHAMBERS".

Miss BENTLEY commented that the transcript in this case is obviously in error. She would never have identified CHAMBERS as a member of this group although possibly she might have included KRAMER. She stated it was possible that CHAMBERS' name entered into the discussion concerning this group because of his prior connection with certain individuals in the group during the 1930's, but she definitely did not include him in the PERLO group in this testimony or in any other testimony.

The TAYLOR statement alleges that Miss BENTLEY fictionalized some of her information concerning JACOB SOLOS, citing her assertion that he attended Columbia University Medical School and was qualified for an M.D. degree. The TAYLOR statement claims that investigation at Columbia University was negative with respect to SOLOS' attendance at that Medical School.

Miss BENTLEY states that SOLOS at one time told her that he attended Columbia Medical School and was qualified to accept an M.D. degree. This was during or just prior to the World War I period and he told her if he accepted a degree he would have had to accept a commission in the U.S. Army. For this reason he turned it down in keeping with his attitude toward the "imperialist" character of World War I. She stated that she has no way of establishing the truth of this story, but had no reason to doubt it.

The foregoing represents what appear to be the main points raised by the TAYLOR statement. Miss BENTLEY stated that she will be ready to answer any further questions which may be raised as a result of the above document. Copies are being furnished New York, Washington Field and New Orleans in view of the interest those offices may have in the future in this matter.

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THIS MORNING. MR. JOHN KEENEY. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY AT NEW HAVEN  
FOR SMITH ACT PROSECUTIONS, CONTACTED THIS OFFICE ELEVEN A. M.

TODAY TO OBTAIN ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY.  
KEENEY EXPECTS TO CONTACT BENTLEY TODAY TO EXPLAIN TO HER THAT DEPART-  
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# Charges D. of J. Fears to Put 'Spy Queen' on Stand

Edward J. Fitzgerald, facing government contempt charges under the new Compulsory Testimony Act, charged in federal court yesterday that the government "fears to have Elizabeth Bentley enter the court room in which I am to be tried for contempt."

Federal Judge Lawrence E. Walsh, recently appointed to the bench by President Eisenhower yesterday quashed subpoenas issued for Elizabeth Bentley, as well as for J. Edgar Hoover and Attorney General Brownell, which would have required them to appear as witnesses today.

Miss Bentley, FBI informer, accused about 80 persons of espionage 10 years ago. Among those she accused was Fitzgerald, then a New Deal official in Washington.

Fitzgerald declared yesterday that "the suspicion that the government is afraid of what Miss Bentley may say is fortified by the failure of the Justice Department in the ten years since Mr. Hoover says she first told her story to the FBI to prosecute a single one of the 80-odd persons she has charged with criminal espionage."

None of these people charged by Miss Bentley and the FBI has ever had an opportunity "to examine her and expose the hoax which she has perpetrated, so assiduously has she been shielded by the Department of Justice," Fitzgerald emphasized.

It was also pointed out in court that Miss Bentley herself had not moved to quash the subpoena, nor had she indicated unwillingness to appear. The government attorneys apparently moved to quash her subpoena, along with Brownell's and Hoover's, for their own reasons.

Fitzgerald is facing contempt charges after having turned down Brownell's offer of "immunity." He invoked the Fifth Amendment.

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# Taylor Demands Rep. Walter Put 'Spy Queen' on Witness Stand

WASHINGTON, — William Henry Taylor, International Monetary Fund official who has called Elizabeth Bentley a liar and documented his charge, has demanded that Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee, produce the self-claimed "spy queen" that he may cross-examine her.

Miss Bentley, now on the Un-American Activities Committee payroll as "investigator," in a separate letter was urged by Taylor to notify the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board that she will submit herself for questioning Oct. 19-20.

Taylor recently was granted a rehearing by the board, which earlier urged the International Monetary Fund to fire him as a security risk. The rehearing was granted on Taylor's appeal that he be allowed a chance to offer additional evidence.

Attorney Byron Scott, former California Congressman now counsel for Taylor, said Taylor's letter to Walter, reminded him that "a known informer who refuses to submit to cross-examination is not

worthy of belief."

The government recently obtained the quashing of a subpoena which would have required Miss Bentley to submit to cross-examination in a New York federal court in the contempt trial of Edward Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald, who with Taylor was named by Bentley as member of a "Soviet spy ring" in government back in 1945, and publicly in 1948, is out on bond on appeal from a six-months sentence for refusing to accept "immunity" against prosecution.



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Through file reviews GERRY identified this date as GERHARD HANS HAGELBERG (Bufile 40-41121) who does research for FRANK DONNER, ARTHUR KINOY, and MARSHALL PERLIN, Attorneys, 342 Madison Ave., all subjects of Security investigations.

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Inquiry being conducted to determine extent of HAGELBERG's activity in connection with above.

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EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, IS - R. REMITEL TO BUREAU AND NY TODAY.

JOHN KEENEY, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY AT NEW HAVEN, ADVISED HE MET WITH ELIZABETH BENTLEY AT HER RESIDENCE, MADISON, CONN.

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EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, IS- R. RE TELEPHONE CALL TO MR. CLEVELAND AT BUREAU THIS MORNING. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY TELEPHONED NEW HAVEN OFFICE TEN A. M. TODAY TO ADVISE THAT SINCE YESTERDAY EDDIE FOX OF THE NEW HAVEN EVENING REGISTER HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT BENTLEY. BENTLEY WAS NOT HOME WHEN ANY OF FOX- S CALLS WERE RECEIVED AND SHE HAD NOT YET SPOKEN TO HIM. FOX LEFT WORD AT BENTLEY- S RESIDENCE IF BENTLEY DESIRED TO CHECK ON HIS BONA FIDE STATUS WITH EVENING REGISTER SHE COULD CONTACT ASSISTANT U. S. ATTORNEY MCNAMARA, NEW HAVEN. BENTLEY STATED THAT BEFORE RECEIVING ANY INQUIRY HERSELF FROM FOX SHE DESIRED TO KNOW THE STATUS OF THE SUBPOENA FOR HER APPEARANCE IN USDC, SDNY, IN THE FITZGERALD CASE. SHE STATED SHE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION FROM MR. JOHN KEENEY, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY NOW AT NEW HAVEN FOR SMITH ACT PROSECUTIONS SINCE HE PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED HER TWELFTH INSTANT. SHE STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW HOW TO REACH KEENEY. BENTLEY WAS ADVISED HER INQUIRY WOULD BE RELAYED TO KEENEY. KEENEY WAS IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED. HE STATED HE HAD NOT RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT REGARDING STATUS OF SUBPOENA. HE STATED HE WOULD CONTACT BENTLEY IMMEDIATELY AND INFORM HER THAT

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HE WOULD MAKE IMMEDIATE TELEPHONIC INQUIRY TO THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING STATUS OF SUBPOENA AND WOULD RECONTACT BENTLEY SUBSEQUENTLY. EDDIE FOX IS KNOWN TO BE A REPORTER FOR THE NEW HAVEN EVENING REGISTER. KEENEY SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE ELEVEN FIFTEEN A. M. HE HAD TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT AND RECEIVED FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT - HEARING BEING HELD ELEVEN THIRTY A. M. THIS MORNING NYC, ON MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA REQUIRING BENTLEY-S APPEARANCE IN USDC, SDNY, EIGHTEENTH INSTANT. KEENEY STATED HE TELEPHONED BENTLEY TO ADVISE HER CONCERNING THIS. KEENEY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE AT TWELVE FORTY FIVE P. M. AND ADVISED THAT SUPPOENA HAD BEEN QUASHED AND THAT BENTLEY HAD BEEN NOTIFIED. KEENEY REQUESTED TO BE ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MIGHT COME TO ATTENTION OF BUREAU OR THIS OFFICE.

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# New Dealer Gets 6 Months In 'Immunity Law' Case

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

Edward I. Fitzgerald, 44, former New Deal economist and special assistant to Averell Harriman when Harriman was Secretary of Commerce, first heard himself sentenced to two and a half years on contempt for refusing to accept "immunity." But when

Federal Judge Lawrence E. Walsh heard Fitzgerald's attorney, Milton Friedman, ask in amazement if he was making Fitzgerald's sentence five times as severe as that of William L. Ullman, the judge reconsidered and sentenced Fitzgerald to six months.

Ullman, also named as a "spy" by Elizabeth Bentley, is out on bail pending U. S. Supreme Court review of his conviction of last March 8.

These are the only cases where the government has attempted to force testimony about "espionage" by using the 1954 immunity law.

U. S. Attorney Lloyd F. MacMahon, when the sentence was altered, jumped to his feet, red-faced. Apparently things were not going according to plan.

Standing at the podium and pounding it to emphasize his protests, the U. S. Attorney said that "if this statute is to mean anything it must be a real sentence." Judge Walsh agreed but still held it would be unfair in view of the Ullman sentence.

MacMahon beat the podium excitedly and said the questions

Fitzgerald had been ordered to answer concerned "a crime that endangers the lives of every citizen in this country." For some reason, he made a point of stressing that Fitzgerald was "a citizen of this country."

Attorney Friedman, interrupted to say quietly he objected to such a line in argument on a contempt case.

"I contend there is no crime of espionage here," he said, and added MacMahon had no right to assume Fitzgerald's testimony, had he testified, would have had anything to do with espionage.

Judge Walsh said he had "the greatest sympathy" with the government's point of view and had no patience with anyone who would not testify before a grand jury "because of his own views of what is right and what is wrong."

Friedman argued for bail on grounds "a substantial question of law" was involved, but Walsh gave Fitzgerald 24 hours to try to obtain bail from the Court of Appeals.

Counsel and client and the latter's relatives had departed, and were far down the corridor when court bailiffs called them back, saying the judge forgot to impose sentence.

They went back, and Judge Walsh said, "I'm not sure I added

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that the sentence would be six months—unless he purged himself before then."

Earlier Judge Walsh had summoned Fitzgerald before the bench. Fitzgerald, who after 12 years as a top economist in New Deal days is doing manual labor in a letter shop, looked calmly in to Judge Walsh's face.

Judge Walsh said he disliked using the statute, but wanted the defendant to understand its purpose "is to get information as it relates to a crime, not political opinion," and asked if he wanted to talk to his counsel.

No sir, I don't want to reconsider, and I don't think I'm in contempt," Fitzgerald said.

Judge Walsh warned he would impose a severe sentence "and make it effective now," then asked Fitzgerald if he had changed his mind.

"No, sir," said Fitzgerald firmly, standing erect.

Attorney Friedman, arguing earlier, pointed out the Attorney General in the fall of 1953 had publicly declared Fitzgerald was a "foreign spy," a speech widely broadcast. Yet in the 10 years since Bentley made the charge, concerning a capital crime which called for execution if Fitzgerald was convicted, not one of the 80 she named had been so prosecuted.



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During the contact with ELIZABETH BENTLEY on captioned matter on November 14, 1955, she requested that the Bureau contact her attorney GODFREY SCHMIDT, 12 East 41st Street, New York City, to ascertain the status of her case with the Internal Revenue Service.

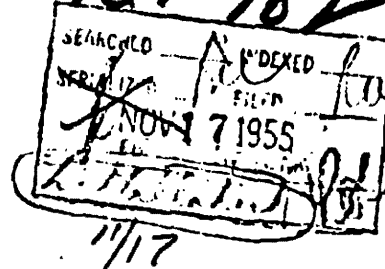
It is felt that the Bureau may desire to instruct the New York Division to contact SCHMIDT as per her request.

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Transmit the following teletype message to: Bureau

DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, was  
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Re Philadelphia letter to the Bureau, 12/14/55, and  
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A review of the files of the NYO on the above  
individuals and the subject's case file reflect  
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BLUMBERG has already been made available to Philadelphia  
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The files of the NYO do not reflect that ELIZABETH BENTLEY ever furnished information concerning BLUMBERG. The supplemental prosecutive summary report of SA CHARLES M. FLEURY, 3/2/53, at Baltimore, on page 3, reflects that LOUIS BUDENZ can testify that BLUMBERG once introduced him to a "Comrade Silvermaster", who BUDENZ later identified as NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. BENTLEY was used in this report to document SILVERMASTER. It is suggested that Philadelphia may desire to have BENTLEY interviewed to determine if she has any personal knowledge re BLUMBERG.

The files of the NYO reflect that BENTLEY was last known to reside in the New Orleans Division and if Philadelphia desires her contacted a lead should be directed to New Orleans.

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Referenced communications refer to the furnishing of agents' dissemination memoranda to SAIG HARRIS in addition to informants' written reports, NY observes that it has never followed the practice in any of its Smith Act trials of furnishing agents' dissemination memoranda to the attorneys for review for the following reasons:

1. Information from dissemination memoranda should already be available to the attorney in report form.
2. Dissemination memoranda normally contain information on numerous subjects not pertinent to the specific case involved.
3. Dissemination memoranda may contain administrative markings and/or information.
4. Dissemination memoranda is an agents' work product as distinguished from an informants' work product in the form of a written report.
5. It is possible that if dissemination memoranda are made available to the attorney for review they may be seen by the informant and later used to refresh his recollection and subsequently be reached successfully by defense attorneys.

To furnish agents' dissemination memoranda requires extensive reviews resulting in the expenditure of many man hours of unproductive work.

If the practice of furnishing attorneys with agents' dissemination memoranda is to be adopted in all cases, the burden of locating and furnishing information on a government witness such as JOHN LUTHER would be enormous as LUTHER never furnished written reports and all the information he

gave/was reduced to writing by agents. It is noteworthy that although LAUTNER has appeared as a government witness in every Smith Act trial since the Dennis Case and defense attorneys have subjected him to vigorous cross-examination on "reports" he has made to the FBI, LAUTNER'S testimony that he made only oral reports to agents has always foreclosed defense attorneys from reaching this work product of agents.

The above is being pointed out for the Bureau's consideration inasmuch as relet requested copies of dissemination memoranda.

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# Clearing of Taylor Exposes Bentley, Key in Wide Frameup

by VIRGINIA GARDNER

Clearing of William Henry Taylor, official of the International Monetary Fund, by the same loyalty board which six months ago was "convinced that the employee has engaged in espionage and subversive activities" admittedly represents a serious blow to the entire government-directed witch.

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# Suit May Force Bentley to Be CrossExamined

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—William Henry Taylor, who for two years has been trying in vain to get a Congressional testimony to question both him and his accuser, Elizabeth Bentley, in public under oath, is hopeful that a trial of his libel suit against the Washington Daily News "may provide the opportunity for a clearest vindication."

His attorney, Byron Scott, was so quoted in a statement to the press over the weekend. Taylor, one of many New Deal government employees named by Miss Bentley as a "Soviet spy," is suing the Washington newspaper for \$5,000,000.

Now an official of the International Monetary Fund, Taylor's latest rebuff in his long-standing effort to be allowed to publicly deny the spy hoax business, and to confront the loquacious Miss Bentley, came from the House Un-American Activities committee.

After chairman Francis Walter (D-Pa) announced last summer he had engaged Miss Bentley as special consultant to the committee, and promised new revelations as to "spy rings," attorney Scott wrote Walter urging him to question his client and Miss Bentley.

His letter went unanswered.

As he stated in his brief before the International Organizations Employees Loyalty board, which began investigating him in 1953, in executive session, that he never had been a member of the Communist Party and never had engaged in any espionage.

Repeated requests from attorney Scott to release that testimony, however, were fruitless. But the same Senate Investigations subcommittee, now headed by Sen. McClellan (D-Ark), released the testimony Friday on request of the Washington Daily News.

Scott revealed that the "loyalty" board, which after ruling against Taylor last summer consented to re-open the case on Taylor's request, and held further hearings Oct. 19-20, again failed to act on Taylor's plea to be allowed to confront Miss Bentley.

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The decision of the board, composed of four Republican lawyers, came Friday after Taylor repeatedly demanded from Congressional committees and the loyalty board a chance to confront his accuser, Elizabeth Bentley.

Informed by letter that the board, after considering new evidence had "vacated" its June 28 ruling, Taylor expressed his gratitude to "the board which has shown tremendous courage in reversing itself."

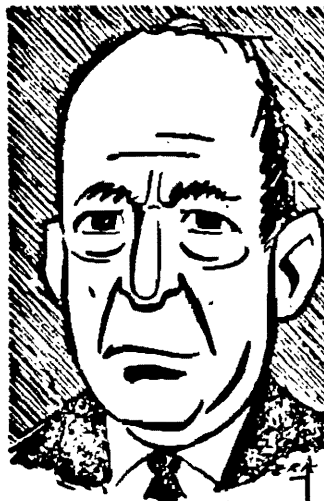
His attorney, Byron Scott, promptly declared the ruling not only was "a complete vindication" for his client but "the strongest attack yet made at the credibility of Miss Bentley."

"I also raise some sharp questions for Attorney General Brownell and FBI Director Hoover to answer since they have both endorsed her equivocally," he said. "It also throws strong suspicion on the testimony given by Herbert Brownell to the Internal Security Committee of the Senate in November 1953."

#### **BROWNELL'S TESTIMONY**

Taylor formerly served in the monetary research division of the Treasury Department under Harry Dexter White. In his 1953 testimony Brownell declassified some FBI reports, including the original 1945 memorandum, which stated as fact the existence of a "Soviet spy ring" in government, 24 hours after Bentley first had gone to the FBI with the tale. In his testimony Brownell named Taylor along with White and others.

Scott said Brownell told the Sen-



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ate committee that Taylor had been placed in the Treasury Department at the request of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, a former government economist.

By acknowledging that it erred in its June ruling that Taylor "... was placed in a position in the Treasury ... by Communists and espionage agents" the board opens up the question of Brownell's role.

The Attorney General's office in Washington said Brownell had no comment on Scott's remarks.

Henry S. Waldman, Elizabeth N. J., lawyers, chairing the international organizations employees' loyalty board, hastened to say that as for Brownell and J. Edgar Hoover, "our decision in no way impugns the veracity of these two men," and that "no one in the government tried to influence this decision."

With the board's decision, however, there will be widespread effects of this first serious official discrediting of Elizabeth Bentley, who single-handedly wrecked careers and drove countless New Deal government workers and officials into unemployment, and who almost alone caused the imprisonment and indirectly the murder of William Remington and helped send the Rosenbergs to their deaths.

#### **LIBEL SUIT**

Of great aid to Taylor in nailing down Bentley's lies was his libel suit for \$500,000 against the Washington Daily News. Twice his attorney, Byron Scott, managed to take an affidavit from Bentley in connection with the suit. In one of these she admitted she never knew Taylor.

After the June ruling against Taylor, his attorney filed for a rehearing, and in October he again testified. William Ullman, Air Force major in World War II and ex-Treasury executive, and Frank Coe, Treasury economist in the New Deal and both Bentley victims, testified for Taylor, denying portions of the Bentley story.

Ullman's conviction and six-month "contempt of court" sentence under the Brownell "immunity law," recently was argued before the U. S. Supreme Court.

Over the weekend the second "immunity law" victim, Edward Fitzgerald, likewise a Bentley-named so-called "Soviet spy" and former New Deal functionary, whose conviction is on appeal released a statement on the Taylor vindication.

"Now that a government loyalty board has thrown out Miss Bentley's charges against Taylor," he said, "I hope that Attorney General Brownell will move to vacate the contempt citation against me, for at bottom this proceeding is based on the same fantastic story. The Justice Department would not let Taylor cross-examine Bentley. They have also used every legal maneuver to prevent me from doing so."

Elizabeth Bentley is the second witness in the trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell to be discredited in the last six months. One of the key informer-witnesses used by the FBI in the Rosenberg-Sobell frameup was Harry Gold. On June 18, 1955, he was judged unworthy of belief by a Dayton, O., jury in a perjury case. The jury declared Benjamin Smilg innocent on three counts, against Gold's testimony he tried to recruit Smilg as a "spy" in 1938 and 1939.

## Bentley Victim Asks Ike to Air Accusations

Edward J. Fitzgerald, former New Deal official now under sentence for contempt under the Compulsory Testimony Act, for refusing to answer Grand Jury questions relating to alleged wartime espionage accusations made by Elizabeth Bentley, said yesterday he was willing to testify.

In a letter to President Eisenhower in which Fitzgerald asked for appointment of a Presidential Commission to air the Bentley charges.

Fitzgerald in his letter accused Miss Bentley of having given false testimony against him and other former government officials, including William Henry Taylor, who was recently cleared by a loyalty board.

The President was also asked to appoint a counsel to the Commission with no FBI or Department of Justice connections, since both groups, said Fitzgerald, "are in the apparent position of having endorsed or given credence to Miss Bentley's unfounded charges."

Counsel would, if the Fitzgerald suggestion is acted upon, be allowed to cross-examine Bentley.

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New Orleans requested to interview BENTLEY for any information re BACHRACH. Photograph available in Smith Act Album.

For info of New Orleans, BACHRACH reported to have been member of Harold Ware CP group in Washington, D. C. in 1930s (group reported to consist of CP members employed by U. S. Government). BACHRACH employed by Congressman JOHN T. BERNARD of Minnesota in 1937. Employed as Washington correspondent of newspaper "PM" in 1940. 1943-48 she was executive secretary of the Council for Pan American Democracy. Prior to indictment on Smith Act charges 6/21/51 she handled public relations for CP, USA in NYC.

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# Another Item for Brownell To Explain: Forged Letter

By VIRGINIA CARDNER  
After an eight-year persecution as a Soviet spy, William Henry Taylor, cleared last month by the FBI, is now accused of all of Bentley's claimed Soviet espionage activities.

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FBI Chief Hoover originally said numbered 86, but later expanded. Taylor was the only one who still held public office, as an official of the International Monetary Fund.

Since 1953, Taylor spent thousands of dollars in showing how Bentley contradicted Bentley. But the nailing down of 3 lies by Bentley contained in the Taylor brief submitted to the loyalty board last spring did not convince these gentlemen.

It was, it turns out, the testimony of Taylor's fellow-victims of Bentley, particularly William Ludwig Ullman which brought about a reversal of the board's first ruling.

Ullman, who answered some questions but pleaded the Fifth Amendment on others, before grand juries, and Congress committees, was the first "immunity law" victim, and his conviction for contempt is before the Supreme Court.

Nevertheless Taylor, in his re-hearing granted by the International Organizations Employees Loyalty board, asked Ullman and Frank Coe, another Bentley victim, to testify. Thus Ullman was able to reveal the forgery of a letter introduced earlier against Taylor.

In a 104-page summation by Byron Scott, ~~named~~ for Taylor, the mystery of the letters is gone into at length.

Taylor was first asked about a letter from Ullman to Taylor when he testified before a grand jury in New York and was questioned by Roy Cohn, then special assistance to the Attorney General. Taylor said he did not meet Ullman until January, 1941, after he went to work in the Treasury.

Cohn said he had a letter addressed "Dear Bill" and signed "by Ullman in his first name." Taylor recalled Cohn said it was dated Dec. 9, 1940.

At a grand jury hearing in Washington a year later, Taylor was again asked about the letter, except that now it was dated Dec. 4, 1940, according to Thomas Donegon, a special assistant to the Attorney General, and was signed "Ludwig W. Ullman" or "Lud."

#### A NEW DATE

Before a third grand jury, on Sept. 7 and 20, 1954, Asst. U.S. Atty. Lowther read to Taylor the alleged Ullman letter, now dated Dec. 12, 1940.

Last July, after the loyalty board had returned its findings against Taylor, attorney Scott, who was requesting a re-hearing pressed for the copy of the letter. The government never claimed it had the original, but said the copy.

came from Treasury files.

The board's executive secretary, T. Paul Fairbank, offered two different documents, one a carbon copy dated Dec. 12, another a handwritten copy made by Fairbank of a letter dated Dec. 4. Fairbank pointed out discrepancies in wording of the letters. When the re-hearing opened Oct. 19 it was announced "the letter is issue was one dated Dec. 12, 1940. . ."

The letter read: "Mr. White wants me to get in touch with you and tell you to report here for work as soon as possible. This is a bit unorthodox, since your appointment has not been formally

approved. But White has been virtually assured that it will be OK."

The letter was designed to buttress Miss Bentley's claim that Taylor was hired by the Treasury because of close ties with certain officials who she said were members of "the Silvermaster spy ring."

Ullman testified he had never written, dictated or signed such a letter, and that he did not know Taylor prior to Taylor's coming with the Treasury.

The letter is reminiscent of the typewritten documents which Alger Hiss in his perjury trial had declared were forged.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-341452)

7/23/56

SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

ISIDORE GIBBY WEIDENMAN, was.  
IS-R; ISA-50

JOSEPH WEISTEIN, was  
IS-R

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The Bureau has instructed that ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY and LOUIS FUDIAZ, who may possess some knowledge of individuals employed at Antorg during the pertinent period and/or knowledge concerning the plot to assassinate THORSKY, be interviewed in an effort to identify this individual.

New Haven is requested to interview BENTLEY who can be reached c/o POLIOT, Lovore Lane, RD #1, Madison, Connecticut.

- 4 - Bureau (100-341452) (RM)  
(2 - 100-38424 (WEISTEIN))
- 2 - New Haven (100-11807) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-19287) (WEISTEIN) (17)
- 1 - New York (134-182) (P & C)
- 1 - New York (100-78633) (6)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC  
 FROM : SA George G. McKenna  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

DATE: 8-29-56

By letter 8-28-56 entitled  
 "ARMAND LABIS FELDMAN, was, et al., Espionage R",  
 (NY 65-235) The New Haven Office advised  
 that Miss Bentley stated in June 1956 that  
 Sacred Heart College at Grand Coteau, Louisiana,  
 where Bentley had been teaching, closed  
 permanently in June, 1956 and Miss  
 Bentley planned to return to her  
 summer residence at Wallingford, Connecticut.

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L. Callahan et al.

Attention: P&C Files 1078  
 Rosmarie Lyons

per [unclear]  
 11/2/56

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC New York (65-235)

DATE: 12/12/56

FROM : SA Lester O. Gallaher

SUBJECT: ARMAND LABIS FELDMAN, was, ET AL  
ESPIONAGE-R  
(b)(1)

She stated that photos numbered 24, 74, 76, 101, & 100 appeared to resemble the person whom she knew as "JOHN" although she could not be completely certain in each instance because of the quality of the pictures. It is noted that these pictures appear to be of **MICHAEL CHALIAPIN** who has previously been identified by her as "JOHN". BENTLEY stated that the photo numbered 75 resembled in some respects the person known to her as "BILL". She said the person shown was wearing a hat similar to and in the same manner as that worn by "BILL" and his manner of walking was also similar to that of "BILL".

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①- 134-182 (ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY) 6

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-20130)

12/14/56

SAC, NEW YORK (100-8539)

TABITHA PETRAN, was  
IS - R

ReBulet, 11/21/56.

Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report  
of SA EDMUND FLANAGAN, dated and captioned as above.

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One copy each of these photographs (16) are being  
enclosed with this letter, as requested in Bulet, 11/21/56.

On 12/9/56, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, self-confessed  
former Soviet espionage agent, was interviewed by SA  
LESTER O. GALLAHER at St. Mary's School, Garden City, NY.  
BENTLEY was shown the above-mentioned photographs of TABITHA  
PETRAN, taken at the time of PETRAN's return to the United  
States on 11/29/56. BENTLEY was asked to consider whether  
these photographs resembled the unknown subject CATHERINE  
(subject of Bufile 65-57905, NY file 65-14737). After  
careful study of the photographs and consideration of  
descriptive data for PETRAN, Miss BENTLEY stated she is  
quite sure that PETRAN is not identical with unknown subject  
CATHERINE. She stated that in the photographs, PETRAN  
seemed somewhat shorter and stockier than unknown subject  
CATHERINE, and she has a rounder face. She stated unknown  
subject CATHERINE had lighter hair than that described for  
PETRAN. Her recollection is that unknown subject CATHERINE's  
hair was blonde rather than "chestnut," which PETRAN is  
said to have.

2 - Bureau (100-20130) (Encs. 21) (RM)  
① - NY 134-182  
1 - NY 100-8539

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: TABITHA PETRAN, was  
IS - R

Miss BENTLEY expressed willingness to view PETRAN in person, if such could be arranged so as not to conflict with her rather busy schedule at St. Mary's School.

As reflected in referenced report, PETRAN is representing the Al-Missaa newspaper, which has its headquarters at 11, Sahafa Street, Cairo, Egypt.

The Bureau is requested to furnish any information in its possession concerning this newspaper which may be pertinent to this investigation.

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7574)

12/18/56

SAC, NEW YORK (65-235)

ARMAND LADIS FELDMAN, was, ET AL  
ESPIONAGE-R

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These photographs were shown, on 11/21/56, by SA THOMAS J. BARRY, to source HERMAN JACOBSON, admitted former Soviet espionage agent, active in the United States from 1933 to 1940. He said he did not recognize any of these individuals, except perhaps the man in photograph #125, whom he believed to be GAIK OVAKIMIAN. It is noted that, according to Washington Field letter, 9/18/56, YURI RASTVOROV and [REDACTED] identified this man as OVAKIMIAN.

(b)(7)(D)

The photographs were shown to VICTOR KRAVCHENKO, former official of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, on November 29, 1956, by SA RALPH F. MILLER. He said he recognized no one.

The photographs were displayed to ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, on December 9, 1956, by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER. She stated that photographs numbered 24, 74, 76, 100 and 101 appeared to resemble the person whom she know as "JOHN", although she could not be certain in each instance because of the quality of the pictures. It is noted that WFO letter, 9/18/56, stated that RASTVOROV identified the individual in photographs numbered 24, 74, 76, 100 and 101 as MIKHAIL ALEKSANDROVICH CHALIAPIN. It is also to be noted that Miss BENTLEY has previously identified CHALIAPIN as "JOHN".

Miss BENTLEY stated that the photograph numbered 75 resembled in some respects the person known to her as "BILL". She said the person shown was wearing a hat similar to the hat worn by "BILL", and wearing it in the same manner as "BILL". She thought his manner of walking also resembled BILL'S.

2-Bureau (61-7574)(RM)  
2-Bureau (65-57905) (UNSUB: BILL & CATHERINE)(RM)  
2-New York (65-14737) (UNSUB: BILL & CATHERINE)(#6)  
1-New York (134-182) (E. T. BENTLEY)(#6)  
1-New York (65-235) (FELDMAN)(#6)

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The NYO contemplates displaying to Miss BENTLEY the original motion picture film from which the photographic print was made, so that she may have a better basis for decision as to whether this individual may in fact be "BILL". As soon as this has been accomplished, the Bureau will be advised of the results. P

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370362)

2/30/57

SAC, NEW YORK (65-15884)

WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR

ESP - R

(OO: New York)

ReBulet 12/26/56.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY was interviewed at Garden City, NY, on January 16, 1957 by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER. She stated that any information which originated with TAYLOR was received by her through NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER and or WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN. She said her last contact with the SILVERMASTERS occurred on or about September 15, 1944, and she, therefore, had no contact of any kind with TAYLOR after that date. She stated she has no information which would indicate the manner in which information received by TAYLOR after March, 1945, reached the Soviets. It is pointed out that BENTLEY's last contact with the Perlo Group (with which HAROLD GLASSER was associated) occurred in the latter part of December, 1944. It is further noted that by March of 1944, BENTLEY had ceased contacts with most of her Washington contacts. RUC.

- 2 - Bureau (100-370362) (RM)
- 2 - WFO (100-20525) (RM)
- ① - New York (134-182)
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NEW YORK, N. Y.

*2/7/57*  
BUREAU - URGENT

MOCASE, ESPIONAGE - R. ELIZABETH BENTLEY TELEPHONICALLY  
CONTACTED ~~INSURE~~ *2/2/57* DATE TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT TO INTERVIEW  
RE KNOWLEDGE OF WOMEN WHO WERE CONTACTS OF WILLIAM BROWDER  
AND TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF MOCASE FIGURES. SHE ADVISED  
THAT BECAUSE OF HER DUTIES AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WHERE SHE IS  
TEACHING SHE WOULD BE UNABLE TO MAKE THIS APPOINTMENT UNTIL  
~~MONDAY~~ AFTERNOON. *2/11/57. Bentley to be interviewed 7/1/57*

KELLY

1 - NY 65-14702 Subfile D  
1 - NY 134-182

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65-14702

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NEW YORK -- 2/12/57

TO : BUREAU - - - - URGENT

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-91470)(TIME: 1:10 P.M.)

JANE FOSTER ZLATOVSKI, WAS, ET AL; ESPIONAGE DASH R PAREN  
HOCASE UNPAREN, RE INFORMATION GIVEN BY JANE ZLATOVSKI CON-  
CERNING UNKNOWN WOMAN MILDRED OR GLADYS. ELIZABETH T.  
BENTLEY CONTACTED AT GARDEN CITY, FEB. ELEVEN FIFTYSEVEN.  
STATED SHE HAD LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF BILL BROWDER'S CONTACTS.  
HER CHIEF CONTACT WITH HIM OCCURRED DURING THE SUMMER OF  
NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, AT WHICH TIME EARL BROWDER WAS RESIDING  
AT SUMMER HOME AT MONROE, NY. SHE CONTACTED BILL BROWDER  
TO CONVEY TO EARL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL WHICH SHE HAD FOR  
HIM THEREBY OBLIATING THE TRIP TO MONROE. SHE WAS ALSO  
ACQUAINTED WITH ROSE EULER BROWDER, BILL'S WIFE, AND AWARE  
OF THE FACT THAT SHE WAS EMPLOYED WITH GILBERT SELDES IN  
PUBLICATION OF QUOTE IN FACT UNQUOTE. DESCRIBED ROSE EULER  
AS QUOTE SMART UNQUOTE AND FORCEFUL AND BILL BROWDER AS QUOTE  
EASILY LED UNQUOTE. BENTLEY MET MARGARET BROWDER ONLY ONCE,

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1 - NY 100-91470

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1 - SUPERVISOR T.J. MC ANDREWS

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FOLLOWING EARL BROWDER'S EXPULSION FROM CPUSA, AT BROWDER'S OFFICE ON FORTYSECOND ST. RECALLED MARGARET AS HAVING THIN ANGULAR BUILD, BROWN GRAYING HAIR, HAD QUOTE SCHOOLTEACHERISH UNQUOTE APPEARANCE, BELIEVED HER TO BE IN EARLY FIFTIES AND PAST CHILD BEARING AGE. BENTLEY WAS UNDER IMPRESSION BROWDER HAD TWO SISTERS BUT UNSURE OF THIS. BENTLEY DID NOT BELIEVE FROM LIMITED DESCRIPTION OF MILDRED<sup>dash</sup> GLADYS THAT SHE WAS IDENTICAL WITH CATHERINE PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF DISCREPANCY IN HEIGHTS. SAID HER ESTIMATE OF CATHERINE'S HEIGHT IS BASED ON OWN HEIGHT PAREN FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES UNPAREN AND CATHERINE WAS NEARLY SAME HEIGHT OR SLIGHTLY TALLER. DURING INTERVIEW BENTLEY WAS SHOWN SIXTYTWO PHOTOS OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN MOCASE BUT FAILED TO RECOGNIZE ANY OF THEM EXCEPT THOSE OF CHALIAPIN WHOM SHE HAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS HER CONTACT QUOTE JOHN UNQUOTE AND JOSEPH KATZ WHOM SHE HAS IDENTIFIED AS QUOTE JACK UNQUOTE. PHOTO OF GEORGE AND JANE ZLATOVSKI INCLUDED IN THIS GROUP.

KELLY.

STAFF CONFERENCE NOTES

2/14/57

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY is presently an instructor at Cathedral School of St. Mary, Garden City, N. Y. All contacts with Miss Bentley are to be handled by SA LESTER O. GALLANTER, Sec. 6.

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2/21/57.

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM :

SA

*John F. Mc Keen, Jr.*

SUBJECT:

ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R (MOOSE)  
NEW YORK FILE #

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Bureau has instructed that this information should be analyzed for appropriate action.

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L. G. GARRITY

JFM.

Note: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Subject's name and aliases <b>ELIZABETH BENTLEY</b>			Address of subject <b>82 x 4th</b>		Character of case <b>IS-C</b>
Complainant <b>Miss MARY H. RUSSELL</b>			Complainant's address and telephone number <b>Dean- Cathedral School of St. Mary, Garden</b>		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <b>4/6/57</b> Time <b>3:06 PM</b>
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion
	Birth date and Birthplace				
Scars, marks or other data <b>Elizabeth T. Bentley</b>					

Facts of complaint: Miss RUSSELL called to advise that she had just learned that ELIZABETH BENTLEY who had formerly been a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY and who had testified on behalf of the government, is presently on the staff of the Cathedral School of St. Mary. Miss Russell's purpose in calling was to determine if Miss Bentley had been "cleared". Miss RUSSELL was courteously advised that no information whatsoever was ever furnished to persons or agencies other than those authorized to receive this information.

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6 *[Handwritten signature]*  
*[Handwritten initials]*

Action Recommended

FILE

JOSEPH E. WEL  
(Agent)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

3/29/57

SA CHARLES TRAVELSTEAD (#6)

ISIDORE GIBBY WINDLEMAN, was.  
IS-R, ISA of 1950

Source

Reliability

Who has furnished reliable  
information in the past

Date of Activity

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- 1 - New York (100-20241) (ANTHONY DIMBA) (1)
- 1 - New York (100-54995) (MICHAEL TRACH) (17-0)
- 1 - New York (100-85051) (MILTON FRIEDMAN) (6)
- (1) - New York (134-182) (P&C)
- 1 - New York (100-9645) (HUGO GELLERT) (18)

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NY 100-73633

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It is noted that the "Daily News" of 3/16/57, Final edition, on P. 6, contains the above-mentioned article but no reference is made therein to BENTLEY or ADRENS.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (105-5276)

DATE: 4-8-57

FROM : SA LESTER O. GALLANER

SUBJECT: EDWARD LOHEN; WA EDWARD KOGAN  
JOSEPH PODGORNEY  
IS-R

Photographs of the above individuals were shown to Elizabeth Bentley on 4-6-57 by SA Lester O. Gallaner. She stated she did not recognize either of them as persons whom she has known in the past.

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cc 134-182 (Elizabeth Bentley) (SECT 6)

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-90758)

DATE: 4-8-57

FROM : SA LESTER O. GALLAHER

SUBJECT: TERENCE EDWARD STEPHENS  
ESP-R

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY was interviewed on 4-6-57 by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER at which time a photograph of the subject was shown to her. The facts of instant case were discussed with her. She stated the subject was not familiar to her as anyone she has known in the past.

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100-90758 (Sect 6)

134-182 (Elizabeth Bentley Sect 6)

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (105-9864)

DATE: 5/3/57

FROM : LESTER O. GALLAHER, SA (#6)

SUBJECT: ALBERT THOMAS MOSS  
IS - R

On 4/6/57, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY was interviewed at Garden City, NY, by the writer. She stated she did not recognize the photograph of the above captioned subject nor did she recall having heard his name. She recalled having heard from JACOB GOLOS, her principal that in 1942 a group of engineers who were a fraction of the F.A.E.C.T. were sent to Norfolk for C.P. or espionage purposes. She believed GOLOS first made contact with these people through "JULIUS" (probably JULIUS ROSENBERG). She remembered that on one occasion GOLOS went to Norfolk to see about the set up. She said she remembered this visit because GOLOS got on the wrong train at Washington and wound up in Harrisburg, Pa. rather than NY.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-20241)

DATE: 5-6-57

FROM : SA Lester O. Gallaher

SUBJECT: ANTHONY BIMBA  
IS-R & HU

Elizabeth T. Bentley was contacted by Special Agent Lester O. Gallaher on 4/6/57. She stated she had no knowledge of the subject ANTHONY BIMBA and had furnished no information regarding him to any Congressional Committee or to any other such body.

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1 Elizabeth T. Bentley (134-182)

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NY 65-16911

During BENTLEY'S initial contacts with the PARLO group in early 1944, no consideration was given to the use of the Washington apartment then occupied by HELEN TENNEY as a meeting place with members of the group. The reason for this was that BENTLEY was meeting too many people in Washington and, therefore, felt that any additions to their number would increase the danger of detection.

BENTLEY did not know how long TENNEY had been going with SCOTT LOCKWOOD inasmuch as TENNEY did not mention him until 1946. She believed TENNEY saw LOCKWOOD in NY, but was of the opinion that LOCKWOOD had been in Paris and was not in the United States in 1944. BENTLEY recalled that TENNEY had met another man in a Washington, D.C., taxicab in about 1944. She believed he was a Spaniard whose first name was TOXY (LNU). TENNEY saw this man several times. BENTLEY told her to stop seeing him as he was "too red".

BENTLEY stated that because of the numerous matters she had handled, she was unable to recall receiving from TENNEY information concerning the purchase of Portuguese escudos by the British. She was unable to recall any mention of EMERSON BIGELOW of O.S.S. She recalled that TENNEY was assigned to the Bulgarian or Eastern European desk at O.S.S. after a blunder by O.S.S. caused their (O.S.S.'S) removal from Spain.

BENTLEY stated that in December, 1944, TENNEY was given another contact and BENTLEY later learned that this was a woman with dark hair who wore big earrings. BENTLEY speculated whether this woman could be identical with RAE ELSON, but never actually found out the woman's true identity and doubts she was RAE ELSON.

BENTLEY advised she used to pick up information from both TENNEY and DUNCAN CHAPLIN LEE in Washington, D.C. She recalled receiving information from LEE on the list of Communists employed by O.S.S., but could not recall whether this occurred in September, 1944, or whether she picked up information from HELEN TENNEY on the same occasion.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-64425)

5/17/57

WJH SAC, NEW YORK (65-16911)

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ESPIONAGE - R  
(OO: WASHINGTON FIELD)

ReWFOlet, 4/15/57, and NYOlet, 3/21/57.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY was interviewed on 4/6/57, by SA LESTER O. GALLAHER at Garden City, NY, and advised as follows:

It was her recollection that HELEN TENNEY took over MARY PRICE'S apartment in about October, 1943, after having "answered" an advertisement placed in the "New York Times" as a "cover-up" for the transfer of the apartment from one member of the espionage apparatus to another (from MARY PRICE to TENNEY). To her knowledge, the Washington, D.C., apartment of MARY PRICE was used during PRICE'S tenancy only in connection with the incident concerning JULIUS JOSEPH JOSEPH. This incident was mentioned in BENTLEY'S book. However, in the Spring of 1943, JACOB GOLOS took MAURICE HALPERIN and WILLARD PARK to the apartment of MARY PRICE in order to introduce them to MARY PRICE who was to handle them and receive their information. MARY PRICE also met DUNCAN LEE at her apartment from about June, 1942, until the end of 1942, during which period PRICE was handling LEE.

BENTLEY knew something about HELEN TENNEY and her activities prior to meeting her, but did not actually meet her until after GOLOS' death. She believed that her first meeting with TENNEY occurred in December, 1943.

2-Bureau (65-64425) (RM)  
1-Los Angeles (65-6442) (RM)  
1-San Francisco (65-5221) (RM)  
2-Washington Field (65-7435) (Encs. 2) (RM)  
1-New York (134-182)  
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Enclosed herewith for the WFO are two copies of a photograph of HELEN TENNEY.

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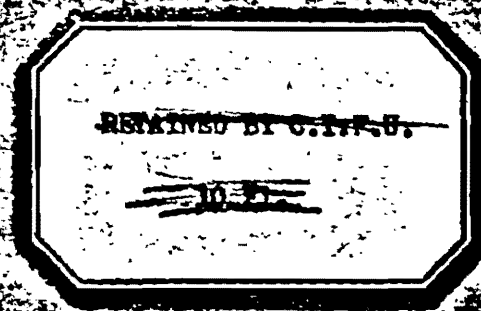
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-426205)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-138981)

STEPHEN FRANCIS VAUSE  
SM-C

Re Seattle letter to Director dated 9/11/59,  
captioned as above.

The pertinent portion of relet is being set  
forth below for the information of New Haven.

\*Rebulet to Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelli-  
gence, Department of the Army dated 8/25/59.

For information of the New York Office, the  
Department of the Army has inquired from the Bureau as to  
whether certain sources who have furnished pertinent in-  
formation in the matter could be identified in a proceed-  
ing before a field board of inquiry to be convened under  
provisions of Army regulations 604-10 on the West Coast  
or Hawaii. The Department of the Army also requested as  
to whether there would be any objection to obtaining sworn  
or unsworn statements from these sources or to their utili-  
zation as witnesses at a hearing at some future date.

The Subject's stepfather is DONALD NIVEN WHEELER,  
who was identified by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY as having been  
a former member of a Soviet espionage apparatus which  
operated in Washington, D. C. during the early 1940's. A  
report dated 4/22/49, at Washington, D. C. by SA DONALD D.  
CONNORS entitled: 'DONALD NIVEN WHEELER, SM-C' sets out on  
pages 3 and 4 the allegations by BENTLEY to the effect

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that WHEELER was known to BENTLEY in 1944 and that WHEELER knew BENTLEY as HELEN. BENTLEY stated that WHEELER was a member of the PERLO group and that WHEELER held a position in the Research and Analysis Section of OSS and from this position WHEELER furnished information to the Soviet apparatus. BENTLEY was subsequently told by her Soviet superior, 'BILL', to inform WHEELER that he should curtail his activities since 'BILL' felt that WHEELER might be under suspicion of his agency. This report does not set out when or to whom BENTLEY furnished this information concerning WHEELER.

The New York Office is requested to advise the Bureau in the immediate future the following with respect to BENTLEY:

1. Can BENTLEY be identified before an Army hearing Board?
2. Can the Army obtain sworn or unsworn statements from BENTLEY?
3. Can the Army consider BENTLEY as a potential witness?

The Bureau requests that this investigation be handled according to instructions previously furnished in connections with interviews of potential witnesses for Coast Guard hearings."

For the information of Seattle and the Bureau, a review of BENTLEY'S NYO file reflects she was interviewed on 5/28/58, by New Haven. At that time she stated positively that she had decided that she must put a complete stop to further interviews with Government agencies, including the FBI, and that she wanted to go on notice that she was no longer available for these inquiries. She further stated that if there was any change in this decision of hers that she would so advise the New Haven Office.

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According to information available to the NYO, the next contact with BENTLEY by New Haven was on 4/27/59, at which time BENTLEY stated there was no change in the position she had previously expressed on 5/28/58.

By Bureau letter to New Haven dated 2/25/59, concerning future contacts with BENTLEY, the Bureau advised that New Haven should obtain specific Bureau authority for any interviews with BENTLEY prior to contacting her. The letter further instructed that when leads were received by New Haven, the Bureau should be advised whether the lead is one that appears to have a valid basis for contacting BENTLEY and that an appropriate recommendation should be made as to whether or not BENTLEY should be contacted.

Inasmuch as BENTLEY is presently under the jurisdiction of the New Haven Division and in view of the above mentioned Bureau instructions regarding contacts with BENTLEY, New Haven is requested to expeditiously advise the Bureau and Seattle as to the answers to questions one through three as set forth above by Seattle.

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SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-17332)

STEPHEN FRANCIS VAUSE  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re New York letter to Bureau dated 9/21/59, concerning the identification and possible testimony of ELIZABETH BENTLEY before an Army field board of inquiry.

As noted in referenced New York letter, BENTLEY has repeatedly stated that she had decided to put a complete stop to further interviews with Government agencies, including the FBI.

With respect to the questions posed in relet:

1. The New Haven Office knows of no reason why BENTLEY could not be identified before an Army Hearing Board. She has published her activities on behalf of Soviet intelligence, including the Perlo group activities, and has testified before Congressional Committee re same.
2. and 3. This office is unable to state whether the Army can obtain a statement from BENTLEY or whether she would testify. Her recent personal history and attitude would indicate that she would not be willing to do either. This office has no objection to the Army making an effort.

For the information of Seattle, BENTLEY has recently accepted a position as an English teacher at the Long Lane School, a penal institution for young girls, operated by the State of Connecticut at Middletown, Connecticut. BENTLEY resides on the grounds of this school. RUC.

- 2 - Bureau (100-426205) (RM)
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RE: [REDACTED] (U)  
UNSUB; aka. Catherine (U)  
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developed indicating that Martin was pregnant during 1943-44. Also, certain personal characteristics, including facial features, manner of hair dress and manner of speech, are apparently lacking insofar as Martin is concerned in comparison to the known characteristics (U) of the unknown subject in this case.

The report of [REDACTED] dated 5-6-60 at New Haven which sets forth an interview with Dr. Lewis Fox concerning Fredericksa Martin contains information to the effect that the artist's sketch of unknown Catherine was displayed to Dr. Fox and that he advised that the sketch of unknown subject Catherine did not resemble Fredericksa Martin. It is noted that Dr. Fox apparently knew (U) Fredericksa Martin some 20 years ago. b7C

In view of the above, the Bureau feels that there is insufficient basis for approaching Bentley for the sole purpose of showing a photo to Bentley of Fredericksa Martin. The Bureau feels that the New York Office should furnish New Haven with photos of Fredericksa Martin so that they will be available in the New Haven Office. In the event another occasion arises where a matter of utmost importance requires contacting Bentley, that occasion should be utilized to determine whether Bentley can identify a photo of Fredericksa Martin or any other suspect that may be developed for unknown subject Catherine. It is recognized that the only definite manner in which Martin can be eliminated is through an interview with Bentley. However, it does not appear at this time that the characteristics of Martin are such as might make her a strong suspect for the unknown subject in (U) this case.

The New York Office should continue to review the present investigation for the purpose of developing other logical suspects. (U)

Letter to New Haven (Ts)

RE: [REDACTED] (u)  
UNSUB; aka. Catherine  
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With respect to further contacts with Elizabeth Bentley, the New Haven Office should be guided by the policy previously set forth, namely that Bentley shall not be contacted except in matters of the utmost importance to the Bureau and that contacts with her shall be made only after Bureau authority is obtained. New Haven should continue to keep abreast of developments insofar as Bentley's progress is concerned and keep the Bureau informed of her attitude, insofar as cooperation with the Bureau is concerned. (u)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-142782)

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Re New York airtel to Albany 11/14/61, requesting NHO to furnish the status of availability of ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY along with a proper descriptive category.

On 11/17/61, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY advised that "I am absolutely not willing to testify" in an proceeding such as indicated in instant case. MISS BENTLEY stated that she was positive about her refusal in this regard and referred to her previous history and position she had reported as reflected in New Haven letters to the Bureau, cc New York, or 5/29/58 and 4/30/59. See NY file (134-182).

It would appear that BENTLEY falls into witness category (j) in view of her previous testimony on behalf of the Government.

BENTLEY now resides on Route 5A, East Hampton, Conn., has no telephone, and is employed as an English teacher at the Long Lane School, (a state of Connecticut institution for wayward girls) at Middletown, Conn., telephone Diamond 6-8674. This individual's identity and background are well known to the Department.

For the information of the New York Office, the NHO has no information as to the background of the captioned subject matter and BENTLEY stated that she had no knowledge of any information dealing with this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NY

FROM : ASAC J. L. SCHMIT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
SM-C

DATE: 12/3/63

On instant date I furnished the following information to Mr. ANTHONY P. LITRENTA at the Bureau:

Mr. NELSON FRANK, free lance writer and former writer for the New York World Telegram & Sun, advised at 12:45 p.m., 12/3/63, that he had learned that the Associated Press wire had on this date reported that ELIZABETH BENTLEY, 55 years old, died on 12/3/63 at Grace New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut. She entered the hospital on 11/18/63, underwent surgery yesterday (12/2/63), and died presumably this morning according to FRANK. For the last five years she had been connected with the Long Lane School, Middletown, Conn.

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ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE.

REBULET TO NEW HAVEN, MAY 18, 1959.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND NEW YORK. ELIZABETH BENTLEY  
DIED AT NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL ON THIS DATE AFTER AN OPERATION  
PERFORMED ON PREVIOUS DAY TO REMOVE AN ABDOMINAL TUMOR.  
THE FUNERAL IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON NEXT FROM  
ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME IN MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT.

OF INTEREST TO BUREAU, DURING LAST TWO WEEKS OF TERMINAL  
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